



Judith And Holofernes - Wooden Sculpture - Late 18th Century



750 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oak

Width : 13

Height : 35

Depth : 8

Description

A wooden sculpture dating from the late 18th century, depicting a biblical female figure holding a severed head in her left hand and a blacksmith's hammer in her right hand, accompanied by a rope. Although the scene features elements reminiscent of the story of Jael killing Sisera with a hammer, the addition of the severed head also evokes the traditional iconography of Judith and Holofernes. This fusion of symbols may reflect a free interpretation or a blending of these heroic Old Testament narratives. Carved from oak, this sculpture reflects the era's fascination with strong female biblical figures, symbolizing courage and justice. The inclusion of the hammer--a central element in the story of Jael--and the severed head, more commonly associated with Judith, gives this work a unique iconography, blending several

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narratives to reinforce its symbolism. The carefully carved folds of the dress, the delicacy of the facial features, and the attention to detail in the accessories demonstrate a high level of craftsmanship. The figure's serene posture, contrasting with the dramatic elements of the scene, underscores the balance sought by artists of this Neoclassical period between restraint and expressiveness.