



## St. John, Boxwood Sculpture, Spanish School, 17th Century



1 800 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wood marquetry

Width : 6,5

Height : 20,5

Depth : 5

### Description

Dimensions: 20.5 cm high x 6.5 cm wide x 5 cm deep  
This delicate sculpture of Saint John the Evangelist, carved from boxwood, stands out for the elegance of its composition and the serenity of his expression. The saint is depicted standing, his hands clasped over his chest in an attitude of reverence and contemplation--an iconography that underscores his spiritual nature and his closeness to the most intimate episodes of Christ's life. The figure features a refined rendering of the clothing, whose ample, flowing folds create a strong impression of movement and depth. The face, with its soft features and idealized youthfulness, corresponds to the traditional depiction of Saint John as the youngest of the apostles. The choice of boxwood--valued since modern times for its hardness, fine grain, and suitability for meticulous

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carving--allows the sculptor to achieve a remarkable level of detail in both the anatomy and the modeling of the garments. Due to its formal characteristics and meticulous craftsmanship, the work is a fine example of small-scale devotional sculpture, likely created