



Cast-iron Mantelpiece With Allegorical Decoration - 17th Century



750 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Cast iron

Width : 72

Height : 86

Description

A rare cast-iron mantelpiece, adorned with a richly detailed high-relief design. The central scene depicts an allegorical female figure holding a cornucopia, a symbol of prosperity, fertility, and wealth. She is surrounded by vases of flowers and framed by an elegant architectural design of foliage and volutes, characteristic of late 17th-century works. The pediment is adorned with two carved scallop shells, an emblematic motif of Baroque art. Derived from the tradition of the scallop shell, they evoke pilgrimage, rebirth, and abundance. Their presence also underscores the decorative refinement sought after in the prestigious residences of the era. Both a functional element--designed to protect the back of the fireplace and reflect heat--and a true work of decorative art, this hearth plate attests to the

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remarkable craftsmanship of the master foundrymen of old. Its beautiful patina and the quality of its casting make it a collector's item that will look just as at home in an antique fireplace as it will as a wall decoration. Period: 17th century Material: Cast iron Condition: In very good condition with an antique patina and signs of wear consistent with its age.