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"memento Mori" Made Of Bone And Marble, A Vanitas, A Curiosity



450 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bone

Description

This unique collector's piece consists of a skull topped with a miter, carved entirely from bone. The particularly expressive carving highlights the details of the face as well as the lines of the headdress. The sculpture rests on a gilded bronze corolla, forming an elegant transition to its imposing dark marble base veined with white. The combination of bone, gilded bronze, and marble creates a refined contrast between the materials and underscores the object's precious nature. Through its iconography, this work evokes the world of vanities and memento mori, where the skull serves as a reminder of the transience of existence, while the miter symbolizes ecclesiastical dignity and power. Both mysterious and decorative, this object reflects a genuine appreciation for curiosities and symbolic

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compositions, and would naturally find its place in a cabinet of curiosities or a collection of antique and unusual objects.