



Saint Martha Slaying The Tarasque



4 800 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Gilted wood

Description

17th-century polychrome gilded carved wooden statue
Elegant and expressive, this 17th-century sculpture subtly depicts a legendary scene from Christianity: Saint Martha of Bethany triumphing over the Tarasque. The standing female figure dominates the composition with her height, her expressive hands revealing a blend of grace and resolve.
Iconographic and Stylistic Analysis
The figure and her attributes: Dressed in a fitted gown and a loose-fitting draped cloak with deep, dynamic folds characteristic of the Baroque aesthetic, the figure holds a vase (probably an ointment jar, associated with Saint Mary Magdalene) in her left hand, while her right hand makes a graceful and welcoming gesture. The vanquished dragon or monster: At her feet, the work features a dark-colored fantastical

Dealer

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creature--a menacing monster or dragon with its mouth wide open and full of teeth--which the saint is trampling or subduing. This detail refers to the triumph of faith and virtue over evil or the devil, illustrating the miracle of

Tarascon.Craftsmanship and condition: Carved from wood and gilded, the original polychrome paint remains on the skin tones and attributes, marked by natural wear and slight craquelure that attest to its authenticity, its centuries-old history, and the craftsmanship of religious art

workshops.Technical specificationsMaterials:

Carved, gilded, and polychrome wood.Condition:

Routine restoration and maintenance.Statue

dimensions: H 122.5 cm × W 58 cm × D 33

cm.Base dimensions: H 80.5 cm × W 43 cm × D

43 cm.Total height (statue with base): 203 cm.A

certificate of authenticity from a certified expert will be provided upon delivery.This exceptional

piece, with its sculptural presence and rich

historical narrative, is a first-rate choice for a

private collection or a refined interior.