



Saint Barbara, A Talisman With Carved Wooden Dice--folk Art From The Late 18th-19th Centuries



450 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Height : 17 cm

Description

A carved wooden devotional statuette depicting Saint Barbara, flanked by the fortified tower in which she was imprisoned. The uniqueness of this piece lies beneath its base: a cavity holds two dice sealed under a watch glass. Since Saint Barbara is the patron saint of sudden death, she was often invoked as a protective talisman by soldiers or gamblers. Date: 19th century (or late 18th century). Dimensions: height 17 cm. In good condition, with a lovely patina and what appear to be traces of polychrome paint in places.

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