



Trompe-l'oeil Sculpture - Cow's Head On A Chopping Block -



1 700 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Terracotta

Length : 37

Width : 37

Height : 38

Description

A spectacular terracotta sculpture depicting a bull's head resting on a chopping block, entirely designed as a trompe-l'oeil and crafted from a single material. The work immediately captivates with its striking realism. The modeling captures the animal's anatomy with great finesse: a powerful muzzle, deeply recessed nostrils, closed eyelids, skin folds, and large, supple ears give the whole piece an almost lifelike presence. The layered engobes, in subtle shades of pink, brown, gray, and flesh tones, give the skin a particularly convincing--almost unsettling--appearance. The variations in material, texture, and patina further enhance the illusion. The remarkable chopping block, also crafted entirely from terracotta, is a true trompe-l'oeil within the trompe-l'oeil. The wood, its joints, its wear and tear, and even the

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hardware are reproduced with such attention to detail that one must get up close to the piece to discover its true nature. A unique, powerful, and decidedly decorative work, where technical mastery of ceramics blends with the humor and strangeness of trompe-l'oeil. Given its subject matter and spectacular realism, this piece will naturally find its place in a butcher shop, restaurant, or food store, but also in a storefront window, an exhibition display, or a theater or film set. A striking work, ideal for an original and offbeat presentation.