



Flemish Knife From The Late 15th-early 16th Century, With Bronze Pommels Engraved With Two Fools



550 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Other

Length : 19 cm

Description

Flemish knife from the late 15th-early 16th century, with bronze guard engraved with two jesters. Rare medieval knife of Flemish manufacture, dating from the late 15th or very early 16th century, notable for its two circular bronze pommels engraved with depictions of fools. The knife is preserved entirely in its original condition, notably with its original wooden handle, a particularly interesting feature for this type of object. The steel blade bears a hallmark, while the handle is secured by two rivets. The ends of the handle are protected by two circular bronze pommels, engraved on both sides. The exceptional interest of this piece lies in its unusual iconographic decoration. While knives from this period adorned with engraved guard rings frequently feature religious depictions or

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figures of saints, both sides of this knife are dedicated to secular figures of medieval fools. The two figures are distinct: one depicts a young jester, while the other depicts an elderly, bearded jester. They are recognizable by their distinctive headdresses--the jester's hood, whose ends take the form of protruding ears--a traditional attribute of medieval jester iconography. Secular depictions on this type of knife are relatively rare, and the presence of two fools on both sides of the mitres constitutes a particularly original and uncommon iconography. The theme of the jester is currently experiencing a resurgence of interest in medieval art history, notably through the exhibition "Figures of the Jester, from the Middle Ages to the Romantics," presented at the Louvre in 2024-2025 and its comprehensive catalog. Measuring 19 cm in length, with its beautiful patina and, above all, its remarkable state of preservation, this knife is a truly exquisite collector's item--both rare due to its original condition and particularly interesting for its secular iconography. Period: late 15th - early 16th century Price excludes shipping costs Police Registry Ref.: A203 Professional antique dealer - Guarantee & peace of mind when purchasing As a professional antique dealer, I am committed to offering only authentic, carefully selected, and legally marketable items. Each piece is chosen for its historical, aesthetic, or collectible value and undergoes a rigorous verification of its provenance. Invoice and Traceability. Each purchase is accompanied by a detailed invoice and a certificate of authenticity, guaranteeing the item's provenance and ensuring complete transparency. Legal Compliance. All items comply with current French and European legislation. Any archaeological items are offered in accordance with the Heritage Code (Articles L.542-1 et seq.). Items that may be subject to specific regulations (cultural artifacts, antiques, items made of specific materials) are sold strictly in accordance with the law. International Buyers. Buyers outside of France are advised to verify the

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