



17th French Sculpture Terracotta Bust Signed Rifle Fecit 1693



950 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Terracotta

Width : 27

Height : 37

Depth : 13

Description

Terracotta bust depicting a male portrait; a 17th-century French sculpture, signed and dated "Juin 1693 Rifle fecit." According to Parisian archives, Bon Rifle--born in Paris in 1653 to Jean Rifle and Brigide Lescuyer--was a sculptor active at the turn of the 17th and 18th centuries. The subject is dressed in the male fashion of the late 17th to early 18th century, wearing a jacket or *justaucorps* featuring a row of small buttons, left partially open at the chest. His neck is wrapped in a band of lightweight fabric--acting as a cravat--tied loosely at the front with the ends draping down over his chest. His thick, natural hair suggests he was neither a nobleman nor a wealthy member of the bourgeoisie, as those social classes wore wigs in keeping with the fashion of the Louis XIV era. Given that Bon

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Rifle was the son of a wine merchant and likely frequented the lively atmosphere of Parisian markets, the subject is presumably a merchant. His features are reminiscent of figures portrayed by the Le Nain brothers. Excellent condition.

Dimensions: H 37 cm, W 27 cm, D 13 cm.

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