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Rare 17th Century Portuguese Maiolica Faience Devotional Plaque - Santíssimo Sacramento



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Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Ceramic

Width : 18.7 cm

Height : 27 cm

Description

A rare and highly unusual Portuguese polychrome maiolica faience devotional hanging plaque, dating from the late 17th century. The single-piece plaque is painted with an elaborate Eucharistic composition representing the Santíssimo Sacramento (Blessed Sacrament). At the centre is a tabernacle or monstrance containing the Host, surrounded by a radiant glory and attended by four angels. Below is a painted cartouche bearing the Portuguese devotional inscription "LOUVADO SEJA O SANTÍSSIMO SACRAMENTO" -- "Praised be the Most Blessed Sacrament". The decoration is executed in a striking palette of blue, yellow, ochre, green and manganese on a tin-glazed ground. Of particularly unusual form, the plaque is made as a single polygonal piece rather than an

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assemblage of architectural tiles and is pierced at the top for suspension. The reverse is unglazed, revealing the buff earthenware body. The subject closely relates to Portuguese Eucharistic imagery of the 17th century, including the large late 17th-century tiled composition preserved in the Museu Nacional do Azulejo, Lisbon. Dimensions: 27 × 18.7 cm. Thickness: approximately 10 mm. There are chips and losses around the edges and original firing faults, clearly visible in the photographs. No cracks or restorations. **SOLD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY** It is possible to pay in installments. On parole français. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me 0678679716 or email tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk. Frais de port inclus pour la France. Shipping included in the price for FRANCE. Price does not include international shipping. Please contact me for a shipping quote. I am happy to combine shipping costs if you buy more than one item to save you money. Please note that I ship all items insured priority mail with tracking. I am an Englishman living down in the beautiful rural South of France and spend my days searching the little brocantes, flea markets, and shops for treasures. If you are forming a collection, I will be happy to advise you. Any questions will be answered promptly. **MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION IF I MISREPRESENT SOMETHING IN ANY WAY.** I want YOU to be happy at the end of the day, so buy with confidence. I take a great deal of care packing -- I have a proven track record of selling high value, fragile items that arrive safely worldwide. Payment: Credit Cards via PayPal. Cheque or Bank transfer. Other payment methods are available, please ask.