Ring Léré Region, Mali. 18th Century Or Earlier.



260 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bronze

Diameter : 4,6 cm

Height : 7 cm

Description

Ring with a flat band topped by a rider Bronze with a green patina and red oxidation, remnants of limestone concretions, signs of wear and age (crack on the top of the ring). Léré region, Mali. 18th century or earlier. Dimensions: 7 × 4.6 cm.Sold with a certificate of authenticity from expert Serge Reynes.* Free shipping within France Provenance: a French private collection assembled between the 1950s and 1970s, according to the information provided. It features, on a wide circular base, a horseman with a slender torso, seated on a horse of simple design. This ring is associated with ancient metalwork from the Léré region, in the lake district of Mali. Their uses and chronology remain a mystery to this day. General bibliography: André Blandin, West Africa:

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