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Medieval Ceiling Finial Decorated With Two Tonsured Monks - Southern France, 13th-14th Centuries



850 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Painted wood

Width : 37.5 cm

Height : 22.5 cm

Description

Medieval ceiling finial decorated with two tonsured monks - Southern France, 13th-14th centuryRare medieval ceiling panel made of softwood, decorated with a painting depicting two male figures with tonsures--presumably monks--depicted nude and positioned back-to-back, facing opposite directions. Their breeches meet at the center of the composition, forming a cross that structures this striking scene.With its unique iconography and particularly original composition, this ceiling panel stands as a remarkable example of medieval decorative painting. The arrangement of the figures, the interplay of inversions, and the overall graphic design demonstrate a genuine exploration of decorative composition.A small painting imbued with a unique presence, this

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ceiling element also moves us with its domestic dimension: it once formed part of the decoration of a home or palace, and thus preserves the memory of a medieval everyday world that has now largely disappeared.Painted ceiling panels are particularly characteristic of medieval ceilings in southern France, as well as in Italy and Spain. A few rarer examples are known from northern France, notably in Metz. This one comes from southern France and is part of a major collection in Lyon.A rare and charming work--at once an architectural fragment, a testament to medieval painting, and a precious remnant of 13th- and 14th-century interior decoration.To explore the fascinating world of medieval painted ceilings, I recommend watching the remarkable documentary "Houses with Images - Painted Ceilings in the Middle Ages ", available on YouTube.Dimensions: 37.5 × 22.5 cmCondition: Previously damaged by wood-boring insects; the wood has been treated. The piece is now completely stable.Price excludes shipping costsPolice Registry Ref.: A277Professional Antique Dealer - Guarantee & peace of mind when purchasingAs a professional antique dealer, I am committed to offering only authentic items that have been carefully selected and are legally marketable. Each piece is chosen for its historical, aesthetic, or collectible value and undergoes a rigorous verification of its provenance.Invoice and Traceability. Each purchase comes with 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 regulations applicable in their country regarding the importation of cultural artifacts or

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