Renaissance Sculpture Saint Catherine Of Alexandria



1 450 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Height : 65

Description

16th/17th Century wooden sculpture of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, with at her feet the defeated emperor Maximin. Made probably in Northern Italy. Hand carved from nutwood in Renaissance style, with the old polychromy. Height 65 cm.Condition: Good condition with age related wear Saint Catherine of Alexandria: The main source for the hagiography of Saint Catherine is Jacques de Voragine's Légende dorée, written in the 13th century. The work reports that the martyred virgin of Alexandria, who lived in the 4th century and was renowned for her immense erudition, was the daughter of a king. Converting many patricians with her learned and peremptory words, then rejecting the marriage advances of Emperor Maximin II Daia because she was married to Christ, it was decided

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that she would be crushed by wheels fitted with saws and nails. These were broken by divine intervention, and the saint was condemned to be beheaded