"memento Mori" Skull-shaped Bisque Pipe, Büttner System - Late 19th Century

850 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Porcelain

Description

"Memento Mori" bisque pipe shaped like a skull, Büttner system - Late 19th centuryDescription: Rare collector's pipe from the late 19th century (circa 1880-1900), with a figurative bowl shaped like a human skull, reflecting the iconographic tradition of Memento Mori and Vanitas.Chamber: Made of bisque porcelain/porous terracotta with a matte finish, crafted with meticulous anatomical detail and dark shading from the patina. The head is topped by a hinged lid made of perforated metal (featuring star and heart motifs) stamped with the patent inscription "BUTTNER - PIPE." This famous manufacturing system utilized the porosity of the bisque to absorb moisture and condensation while smoking.Shank and Mouthpiece: Dark wood shank complete with original ornamental cord featuring a green thread

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tassel (typical Austro-German style). Shaped dark horn connecting joint. Natural amber mouthpiece.Detailed Description:Period: Late 19th Century (circa 1885-1905)Origin: Germany / Austro-Hungarian EmpireMaterials: Porcelain bisque, nickel-plated metal, wood, horn, amber, period threadsMarks/Inscriptions: "BUTTNER - PIPE" stamped on the lidDimensions: Height / Total Length: 23 cmCondition: Excellent period condition. Original patina perfectly preserved on the bisque and organic materials (horn and amber).