Antique Engraved Slate Sundial - Brittany, 17th Century



410 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Other

Length : 37 cm

Width : 38,5 cm

Depth : 1,5 cm

Description

Rare antiqueengraved slate sundial - Brittany, 17th centuryEstimated date: second half of the 17th century,around 1680.A very beautiful and antique slate sundial,from Brittany, featuring a remarkable design engraveddirectly into the stone.Almost square in shape, this antique plaqueis adorned with a finely engraved design combining scrolls, volutes, andplant motifs surrounding the hour lines radiating from its center.There are also several figurative motifs,including an element that may depict an animal or ain the upper left corner, as well as inscriptions engravedinto the stone.The composition, the engraving work, and the choiceof slate attest to the skill of the ancient Breton artisans in thecrafting of sundials.The plaque has four mounting holesat the corners and

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retains traces of its former metal mountingin the center. The gnomon (metal style) is now missing.The reverse side is unfinished and relatively smooth.A beautiful example of regional heritage,particularly decorative, featuring a beautiful antique patina and anauthenticity full of character.A rare antique piece, intended forlovers of sundials, antique folk art, and Breton heritage.In its original condition, with signs of wear and a patina from use,along with some age-related imperfections. Item sold as-is, unrestored.