Antique Andean Kero Beaker In Polychrome Wood, Inca Royal Procession, Peru, 17th-18th Century



795 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Diameter : 10.5 cm

Height : 13.8 cm

Description

Peruvian wooden kero, or ceremonial drinking beaker, of the 17th-18th century, decorated in red and golden ochre on a dark ground. The body widens gently from the base to a rounded lip. A broad band of interlocking diamonds encircles the beaker just below the rim, and a narrow border of alternating red and ochre triangles runs around the foot.A royal procession unfolds around the beaker. A dignitary, possibly the Inca ruler, sits beneath the fringed canopy of a palanquin, a star-headed mace resting across his shoulder. Bearers carry the palanquin on a long pole, accompanied by ranks of warriors with upright spears. Directly beneath the litter sits a small monkey with its long tail curled upwards. Above the bearers, a long-billed bird, probably a hummingbird, reaches towards three red tubular

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flowers with golden-yellow stamens.Elsewhere, beneath a radiating sun, a figure wearing an elaborate headdress raises a crescent-shaped blade, possibly a ceremonial knife known as a tumi. Beside him, the head and long neck of an animal, possibly a llama, hang over the edge of a chequered platform. The scene may depict preparations for a ritual sacrifice.Height 13.5 cm.Condition. There are two repaired vertical splits in the wood. Both repairs appear to date from the time the beaker was made. For a comparison of the shape, see Megan Kirsop, Vessel of Life: A Case Study of a Colonial Andean Kero (University of Florida, 2013). On page 35, Kirsop describes the form that widens from its base to the lip, illustrated in Figure 3-1 on page 52. Read the passage · View Figure 3-1SOLD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITYIt is possible to pay in installments.If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me 0678679716 or email tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk.Frais de port inclus pour la France. Shipping included in the price for FRANCE. Price does not include international shipping. Please contact me for a shipping quote. I am happy to combine shipping costs if you buy more than one item to save you money.Please note that I ship all items insured priority mail with tracking.I am an Englishman living down in the beautiful rural South of France and spend my days searching the little brocantes, flea markets, and shops for treasures.If you are forming a collection, I will be happy to advise you.We speak English and French. Nous parlons anglais et français.Any questions will be answered promptly.MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION IF I MISREPRESENT SOMETHING IN ANY WAY.I want YOU to be happy at the end of the day, so buy with confidence.I take a great deal of care packing - I have a proven track record of selling high value, fragile items that arrive safely worldwide.Payment: Credit Cards via PayPal. Cheque or Bank transfer. Other payment methods

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