Polychrome Santibelli Couple, 19th Century Folk Art, Marseille



1 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Terracotta

Width : 12 cm

Height : 25 cm

Description

This delightful 19th-century pair of polychrome Santibelli figurines from Marseille depicts a charming Provençal couple engaged in a lively conversation, capturing the humor and character of rural life. Known for their playful and satirical depictions, these Santibelli figures show a scene set in their garden, where the couple appears to have been conversing for centuries. An amusing detail of the composition is the peasant woman's skirt catching fire on her foot warmer, adding a touch of whimsy and narrative to the scene.

The figures are painted in vibrant polychrome colors, typical of the traditional folk art from Marseille. The setting is enriched with details such as a watering can and bunches of grapes, evoking the rustic charm and daily life of

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Provençal culture.

- Period: 19th century
- Origin: Marseille, France
- Material: Polychrome painted terracotta
- Subject: Provençal couple in conversation, humorous detail with the skirt catching fire
- Condition: Good overall condition, with some wear consistent with age

A charming example of French folk art, these Santibelli figurines are ideal for collectors of regional artifacts or enthusiasts of the unique, playful expressions of 19th-century popular culture.