



## Group Of Women, Terracotta, Italy 18th Century

3 500 EUR



Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Terracotta

Width : 24,5cm

Height : 28 cm

Depth : 11 cm

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### Description

This terracotta, 18th century Italian work, represents a group of three women with very expressive sore attitudes.

-These are the pious women present under the cross during Jesus' torture that John mentions in his Gospels "Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary, wife of Cleophas and Mary Magdalene » (John 19:25). These pious women are the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary of Cleophas, the aunt of Jesus (as wife of Cleophas, brother of Saint Joseph) and mother of James the Apostle (known as the Less) and finally Mary of Magdala (Mary Magdalene). The Virgin Mary is in the center, dressed in a blue cloak as required by religious iconography. His attitude, head bowed, gaze

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towards the ground accurately conveys his pain and affliction caused by the torture and loss of his son Jesus. One of her knees bending, supported by the forearms on both sides, she seems on the verge of fainting.

-On the right, Mary of Cleophas, her head turned towards the Virgin watching her, her gaze full of compassion, comes to support her by placing one hand on her shoulder and the other on her forearm.

-On the left, Mary Magdalene, her hair unveiled, supports the Virgin with one hand and brings the other to her face in an attitude of desolation, looking towards the sky.

-The qualities of this terracotta lie in the strength of the facial expressions making them realistic, the very delicate treatment of the sculpture, particularly in the eventful drapes, and in its original polychromy.

-Good state of conservation, note: restorations, missing parts (right hand of the Virgin Mary, and her little finger of the right hand)

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