



18TH CENTURY ITALIAN CARVED POLYCHROME BABY JESUS FIGURE WITH GLASS EYES

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Bring devotional charm and centuries of character to an interior with this expressive antique Baby Jesus sculpture from Italy. Hand carved circa 1780, the figure depicts the Christ child in a dynamic forward-moving pose with outstretched arms, carved bare feet, softly modeled features, and beautifully rendered curly hair. The original inset glass eyes give the sculpture remarkable warmth and lifelike presence.

Executed in carved wood with its original hand-painted polychrome and gilt finish, the figure has developed an exceptional aged surface over time, with beautifully worn paint, craquelure, and rich patina throughout that only enhance its authenticity and sculptural appeal. The softly muted tones and naturally distressed surface lend the piece a soulful, timeworn quality highly sought after in early religious carvings.

Originally created as part of a nativity or ecclesiastical display, this antique Italian cherub figure now serves as a striking decorative object for a bookshelf, console, study, or chapel-inspired interior. Full of movement, personality, and old world character, the sculpture captures the artistry and devotional craftsmanship of late 18th century Italy.

Excellent condition commensurate with age and use.

Dimensions: 11"W x 7"D x 22"H.