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Circa 1700 cast lead crucifix

£165

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Height: 35 cm (13.8")

Width: 18 cm (7.1")

Depth: 1 cm (0.4")

Description

An early 18th century cast lead crucifix with memento mori symbols, circa 1700.

Memento mori symbols serve as powerful reminders of mortality and the transient nature of life. Common motifs include skulls, hourglasses, wilting flowers, and extinguished candles, each representing the inevitability of death and the passage of time. In art and literature, these symbols encourage reflection on the fleeting nature of worldly pleasures, urging mindfulness, humility, and spiritual awareness.

Originating in medieval and Renaissance Europe, memento mori motifs often appeared in paintings, jewellery, and gravestones, blending beauty with solemnity. They act as contemplative prompts, inviting individuals to live purposefully, cherish each moment, and acknowledge the universal truth that all life is finite.

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