

Basic Detail Report



San Francisco de Asis (Saint Francis of Assisi) Santo

Date

circa 1830

Primary Maker

Benavides, José Manuel

Medium

wood, gesso, natural pigments, rope

Description

(a) hand-carved santo in either pine or cottonwood, covered with smooth gesso layer, and then painted with natural pigments; dressed in classic blue Franciscan robe typical of New Spain; face classically carved with large prominent eyes; traces of color still visible on cheeks; body naturalistically carved and features finely crafted

Franciscan cord belt encircling waist- one of artist's trademarks; handles skull in proper left hand and holds up (b) separate, removable cross in right hand; standing on rectangular base.

Dimensions

23 1/2 × 10 × 6 1/2 in. (59.7 × 25.4 × 16.5 cm)