

## Lot 28



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**Auction**    **Decorative Art**

**Date**        17.11.2021, ca. 14:20

**Preview**     12.11.2021 - 10:00:00 bis  
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### MALE ANATOMICAL MODEL MADE OF IVORY.

South Germany.

Date: 17th century.

Maker/Designer: Circumference Stephan Zick.

Technique: Ivory, wooden box.

Description: Casket-shaped elongated box with beveled corners on four flattened ball feet. Cassette panels on the outer sides and on the lid. Inside lined with light blue silk. A finely carved male figurine with long curly hair lying on an ivory cushion. Both arms movable at the shoulder joints and his left arm resting on his abdomen. The torso cover removable and under it small individual organs, such as lungs, heart, a kidney, intestines and a liver.

Measurement: Model length 14cm, box length 23cm.

#### Literature:

Laue, Georg/Ruisinger, Marion Maria (ed.): *Vergänglichkeit. Die Wunderkammer Olbricht zu Gast um Deutschen Medizinhistorischen Museum, Ingolstadt 2021*, see p.72f.

This curiosity was probably not used as an actual teaching tool to illustrate medical facts.

"Rather, it is a typical *Kunstkammer* object, combining high-quality ivory sculpting with *vanitas* symbolism, eroticism, and medical contemplation."

Often enclosed an accompanying book with explanations of each organ.

Estimate: 12.000 € - 14.000 €; Hammer: 11.000 €