

# MADONNA ENTHRONED WITH STS. MICHAEL AND URSULA

Artist: Allegretto Nuzi

Date: 1365

Dimensions: 123 x 65.8 cm

Material: Tempera and gold on wood panel

Inventory Number: 40204

Total Cost: € 8.220,00

This elegant painting portrays the Virgin Mary in a pink dress and a blue veil with a gold star on the right shoulder. The edges of the mantle and the golden halos have been etched into the work. Mary is seated on a wooden throne draped in red and gold damask fabric. She holds the baby Jesus in her hands while he stands in the act of blessing. Jesus' halo is similar to that of the Virgin, etched into the panel. Baby Jesus is dressed in a yellowish-pink cloth and a delicate red coral necklace. The Virgin Mary, on the throne with St. Michael and St. Ursula, is a perfect example of traditional iconography. The people kneeling in the foreground represent the Santi family, who commissioned the painting. The two Saints on the sides are St. Michael the Archangel, who defeated the Devil, and St. Ursula with her Crossed Flag symbolizes her journey of repentance from Cologne to Rome during which she was killed by the Huns.

## STATE OF PRESERVATION:

The wood has several cracks and fissures due to a malfunction of the bars located on the back. There are alterations in the colors due to oxidation and aging of the varnishes. The wood panel needs a new back structure to allow natural movements.

## RESTORATION PROCESS INCLUDES:

- Anti-infestation measures
- Consolidation of the wooden support
- Cleaning of the pictorial layer and removal of previous restorative interventions
- Cleaning and consolidation of the pictorial surfaces
- Stuccoing of the cracks
- Touching-up of the pictorial and gilt surfaces
- Photographic documentation
- Application of varnishes

