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Antique Carved Stone Grotesque Mask Corbel

£845

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Height: 37 cm (14.6")

Width: 30 cm (11.8")

Depth: 20 cm (7.9")

Description

A wonderfully characterful antique carved stone grotesque mask corbel, now presented as a sculptural object on a tailored marble plinth. With its forceful expression, deeply cut features, and commanding gaze, the mask retains all the drama and architectural authority of its original setting.

Once intended to project from a wall, doorway, or façade, such a corbel would have served both a structural and decorative role. Grotesque masks have long appeared in European architecture, where their fantastic faces brought wit, symbolism, and a touch of theatricality to buildings. This example is particularly engaging: its weathered surface and expressive carving give it a powerful sense of age and personality.

The later marble plinth elevates the corbel from architectural fragment to stand-alone work of sculpture, making it easy to display on a console, pedestal, mantelpiece, or in a garden room. Positioned at height, its knowing expression creates the impression that it is quietly looking down on the world below.

A striking piece for an interior with Gothic, classical, or eclectic character, and an appealing acquisition for collectors of antique stonework, architectural fragments, and objects with a strong decorative presence. Its sculptural quality, atmospheric patina, and unmistakable individuality make it an exceptional conversation piece.

Height including plinth 80 cm.

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