

Chalkware Nativity Set



Nativity Figure Chialu Gloria Angel Cherub Chalkware

Description:

We are listing an entire nativity set by Chialu. This set is from the early 1900s. The pieces are made of chalkware and are hand made and hand painted. The original box will go to the buyer who buys the most pieces. We also have the original creche or manger with the original box up as well. Check out the other pieces, as I combine shipping.

This listing is for a Gloria angel or cherub. There is a hook on the back for hanging on a creche. She is 3" tall and blue in color. She is in very good condition for the vintage.

Winning Bid: \$491.⁷⁰/12

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Ended: 10/10/07
History: 60 bids
Starting Bid: \$9.99 ea
Winner: Italy

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Elizabeth's Story (eBay ID booklovertoo)

Last year in November I went to a church sale on the second day of the sale when all was half price. It was later in the day, but I remembered Lynn's advice that there is always something to find regardless of the day or time. I also remembered that Lynn always said to be sure to look under tables.

I broke them out into 12 different auctions. I mentioned that the high bidder of the most pieces would get the original boxes. I have always had great luck with vintage nativity pieces. I prefer to list them closer to Christmas, and I didn't get my act together prior to Christmas, so I held on to them until October of this year.

I was looking at a table of Christmas items that was pretty picked over. I saw a box under the table, and I opened it to find a creche. I pulled it out and inside was another box with 15 nativity figures. They were small, only 3" tall, and marked Italy. The pieces appeared to be very old and were chalkware and hand painted; they were not like any nativity pieces I usually see. The creche was made of twig posts and was hand painted in the background to look like the Middle East countryside. The creche box and the nativity pieces box were marked "Chialu Made in Italy." The price was marked \$10, but was \$5 on that day, of course.

It turned out all of the pieces sold to the same bidder. Thank goodness, because I was afraid I was going to have trouble with my mention of the original boxes. The high bidder was from Italy. I thought of how Lynn has mentioned how interesting it is when items end up going back to where they originated. My relatively new ebay bidder from Italy set up a PayPal account to pay me and was thrilled with his "new" set.

