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ANTIQUE EUROPEAN LOCKSMITH'S TRADE SIGN IN THE FORM OF A KEY, 40"H

\$6,000.00

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Large Cast Iron Trade Sign in the Form of a Key, 40"H Europe, antique This impressive oversized trade sign is cast in solid iron and takes the form of a monumental key, traditionally used to signify locksmiths, ironmongers, or related trades. The elaborately worked bow features scrolling Gothic-inspired motifs with trefoil and quatrefoil forms arranged in a balanced, architectural composition, emphasizing its symbolic and decorative purpose rather than functional use. The elongated barrel and deeply notched bit further reinforce its role as a visual emblem intended for public display. The surface has undergone careful restoration and cleaning, most likely by burnishing, which has reduced oxidation and stabilized the metal while preserving the original casting texture and historic character. Such keys were typically mounted perpendicular to a façade or suspended as projecting signs, serving both as advertisements and markers of craftsmanship. Equally compelling today as an architectural artifact or sculptural object, this striking trade sign makes a powerful wall display and stands as an enduring symbol of access, security, and skilled labor. Dimensions: 3.5" L x 16.5" W x 40" H