



Saint John the Baptist

Date

17th century

Primary Maker

Unknown

Medium

Wood

Description

This is a life size wooden statue of John the Baptist. He stands in the contrapposto position, with most of his weight on his left leg. Only the toe of the right foot touches the ground. His arms are somewhat outstretched; the right hand reaches forward and the left is near his side. A carved mantle of voluminous cloth moves about him; his camel hair robe reaches the ground. He looks upward, with his eyes open. He has curled hair, beard and mustache. This sculpture was intended to be seen only from the front. It is hollowed out at the back in order to prevent the wood from cracking and splitting.

Dimensions

Overall: 70 x 36 in. (177.8 x 91.4 cm)