

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

Full-Size Weight-Driven Cuckoo Clock Pair — Musical Dancer & Smurf Character Clock



COMBINED MARKET VALUE

\$210-425

Realistic quick-sale price for the pair, private/shop market

COMBINED ESTIMATED WORTH

\$475-725

Ceiling for Black Forest clock & Smurf memorabilia collectors



Carved Black Forest-style "Musical Dancer" cuckoo clock — carved birds, flowers & fruit basket detailing, dancing-figures automaton alcove, 3-weight movement



Smurf character cuckoo clock — Papa Smurf & Smurfette figures flanking the case, cuckoo Smurf peeking from door, 2-weight movement

HISTORY

Cuckoo clocks originated in Germany's Black Forest region in the mid-18th century, and by the 19th and 20th centuries had branched into countless regional styles and novelty variations sold to both German households and the international tourist and export trade. This pair represents two very different, but equally charming, branches of that same cuckoo clock tradition: one a traditional, ornately hand-carved Black Forest chalet clock, and the other a licensed character novelty clock built on the same mechanical cuckoo clock format. Both remain fully **weight-driven** — original mechanical movements powered by the descending weights rather than battery or quartz conversion — meaning both clocks require regular winding but preserve the authentic, traditional cuckoo clock mechanism and sound.

◆ *Two clocks, two traditions — one carries forward centuries of Black Forest carving, the other brings a beloved cartoon village to life on the hour.* ◆

1. "Musical Dancer" Black Forest-Style Cuckoo Clock — 3-Weight Movement

MARKET VALUE

\$150–300

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$325–500

This clock follows the classic ornately-carved Black Forest chalet form, with carved birds, flowers, hanging grapes, and a fruit-and-flower basket detailing the case front — a traditional style associated with well-known Black Forest workshops (such as Hekas, Anton Schneider, and Zimmermann, among many others active through the 20th century). Above the Roman numeral dial sits a small alcove housing carved dancing figures, animated by the clock's musical movement so that the pair appears to "dance" to a built-in melody at set intervals — a feature known in the trade as a "musical dancer" or "dancer" movement, distinct from a simple cuckoo-bird call alone. The clock's **3-weight movement** indicates it likely combines time, cuckoo call, and music/dancer functions, each independently weight-driven — a more complex and typically more desirable configuration than a standard 1- or 2-weight time-and-cuckoo-only clock. No maker's mark has been confirmed on this example.

2. Smurf Character Cuckoo Clock — 2-Weight Movement

MARKET VALUE

\$60–125

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$150–225

A novelty cuckoo clock built around the beloved Smurfs (Les Schtroumpfs) characters, created by Belgian cartoonist Peyo in 1958 and popularized worldwide through the 1980s animated series and ongoing merchandise line. This example features Papa Smurf and Smurfette figures mounted on either side of the wood chalet-style case, with a Smurf figure appearing at the cuckoo door above the Roman numeral clock face, and red star cutouts decorating the roofline. The **2-weight movement** indicates a time-and-cuckoo-call configuration, fully weight-driven and requiring regular winding. As a licensed-character novelty clock rather than a traditional Black Forest antique, its collectibility centers on Smurf memorabilia and licensed-character clock collectors rather than horological/clockmaking significance.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Both clocks are fully mechanical, weight-driven originals — no battery/quartz conversion
- ◆ Musical Dancer clock: 3-weight movement, carved dancing-figures automaton, Black Forest chalet styling
- ◆ Smurf clock: 2-weight movement, licensed Smurfs character theme, Papa Smurf & Smurfette figures
- ◆ Distinct from Sandy's separate pair of miniature battery-converted chalet cuckoo clocks
- ◆ Each clock priced and sold individually

Collector's note: No maker's mark has been confirmed on either clock, so both are valued here based on comparable examples of similar style, complexity, and condition rather than attributed to a specific workshop. Traditional carved Black Forest cuckoo clocks with musical/dancer automaton features and multi-weight movements typically command more than simple 1-weight time-and-cuckoo clocks, reflecting their greater mechanical complexity and carving detail. The Smurf clock is valued in the licensed-character novelty clock category, where value is driven primarily by Smurf memorabilia collector demand and condition/completeness of the figures rather than clockmaking pedigree. Market Value reflects realistic private-sale/shop pricing for each; Estimated Worth reflects the ceiling a dedicated Black Forest clock collector or Smurf memorabilia collector might pay.

"One clock carries forward generations of Black Forest craftsmanship, the other brings a whole Smurf village to life on the hour – together, a little collection of cuckoo charm."

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