

# MOM'S JOY ROOM

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## CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

*Antique Bisque Three-Face Doll — Leather Body — Fully Outfitted, All Original*

### TRIESTE

*Three-Face Character Doll — Laughing, Crying with Raised Tears & Sleeping*



"Trieste" — Antique Bisque Three-Face Character Doll — 13"  
*Swivel Bisque Head (Laughing, Crying w/ Raised Tears, Sleeping) — Leather Body — Original Costume*

#### DESCRIPTION

**Trieste** is an antique bisque three-face doll of the type most closely associated with German maker **Carl Bergner**, circa 1895–1910 — though she carries no confirmed maker's mark, so this attribution is stylistic. Her bisque head hides an internal swivel mechanism beneath her lace bonnet: turning the crown reveals one of three sculpted faces — laughing, crying with distinctive **raised porcelain tears**, and sleeping. She stands 13" with a leather body, articulated bisque lower arms, and her complete original cream lace bonnet, pink-trimmed dress, and undergarments. Good overall condition — a lovely, complete example of this ingenious antique novelty type.

◆ *Three-face dolls are among the most inventive character concepts of the German bisque doll industry — one doll, three expressions, hidden beneath a fashionable bonnet.* ◆

#### NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Type: Bisque three-face swivel-head character doll · Size: 13"
- ◆ Faces: Laughing, crying (raised porcelain tears), sleeping
- ◆ Body: Leather, articulated bisque lower arms
- ◆ Costume: Original lace bonnet, dress & undergarments, pink trim
- ◆ Condition: Good — fully outfitted, all original
- ◆ Comparable: Theriault's 12" excellent example sold \$1,800; Christie's realized £1,237–£1,800

**Honest Disclosure:** No signed maker's mark is confirmed; the Carl Bergner-type attribution reflects the well-documented three-face swivel mechanism and raised-tear detail characteristic of this doll category, offered as informed context rather than certified attribution. A hand-written paper tag is present but not used as the basis for dating.



*Trieste — 13" Three-Face Bisque Doll  
Laughing — Crying (Raised Tears) — Sleeping  
Leather Body — Original Bonnet & Costume*

#### MARKET VALUE

**\$700–1,200**

*Realistic quick-sale price,  
private/shop market*

#### ESTIMATED WORTH

**\$1,500–**

**2,200**

*Specialty auction ceiling  
(Theriault's/Christie's comps)*

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