



The Diane De Gabios Marble Sculpture 19th Century



2 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Marble

Description

It is a sculpture of a woman covered in a draped chiton, probably representing the goddess Artemis and traditionally attributed to the sculptor Praxiteles. Found in the ancient town of Gabios, it was part of the Borghese family collection. It is currently kept in the Louvre Museum under inventory number Ma 529. The statue was discovered by Gavin Hamilton in the estate of Prince Borghese in Gabios, near Rome and was immediately added to his collections. In 1807, the prince was forced to sell it to Napoleon due to his financial difficulties, and the sculpture was exhibited at the Louvre museum from 1820. free. The left foot is thrown back and the heel is slightly raised, the toe turned outwards. The deity represented is generally identified with Artemis, the chaste goddess of hunting and wild nature,

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only by her clothing³, although another minority hypothesis considers the statue to be a representation of Iphigenia⁴. Indeed, the young woman wears a short chiton with wide sleeves, typical of the hunting goddess. The tunic is tied with two belts: one visible at the waist and the other, hidden, allows part of the garment to be folded and therefore to shorten the chiton and reveal the knees. Artemis makes the gesture of tying her cloak: her right hand holds a fibula and gathers a skirt of the garment over her right shoulder, while her left hand raises the other skirt to chest level. The movement causes the collar of the chiton to slide, revealing the bare left shoulder. The head is turned slightly to the right, although the goddess is not actually observing what she is doing but rather looking into space, a gesture common in Second Classicist statues.⁵ The wavy hair is gathered at the back of the head. a ribbon tied at the top of the neck. Its ends are brought together forming a sort of knot held by a second invisible ribbon. It has an old repair on the right foot which does not affect the consolidation and aesthetics. It is made of marble and alabaster. Measurements: 62x20x20 cm