



Gallo-roman Bronze: Genius With Cucullus, Télesphore.



750 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Description

Small Gallo-Roman genius with a cucullus.
Bronze with green patina (traces of cuprite and azurite). On a marble base (one foot missing). 3rd century AD. Height: 71 mm with base 56.55 g. The genii cucullati, figures most often juvenile, wearing a hooded cape covering their entire body (most often only the feet, head and sometimes hands are visible) can have two main symbolic functions: the phallic function (fertility and earthly fertility, which is not the case here), and the function of healer, the most famous example of which is Telesphorus (third son of Aesculapius), a divinity associated with convalescence, supposed to restore strength and vigor to the sick, and always dressed in a hooded cape. Curious little bronze, of an interesting and unusual type. Provenance : Collection of Mr. C.

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