Roman Marble Fragment : Hand Holding A Patera



550 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Marble

Description

Roman marble fragment : hand holding a patera.Rome, 3rd century.76 x 51 mm.97.50 g.Modern wooden base.The most common liturgical gesture is the libation, which consists of pouring "on the ground, or on an altar, or on a sacred stone, all or part of the contents of a phiale (or, in Latin, a patera) containing wine, milk, water, or even oil".(Veyne Paul. "Images of divinities holding a phiale or patera". In: Mètis. Anthropologie des mondes grecs anciens, vol. 5, n°1-2, 1990. pp. 17-30.)Good quality marble, with fine crystals. Provenance:Private collection, south of France, 1980s.

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