



Cambodia, Kingdom Of Chanla, Pre-angkor Period, 7th-8th Century, Stone Head Of Vishnu



1 250 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Stone

Width : 7.3cm socle inclus

Height : 14.7 cm socle inclus

Description

Stone head of Vishnu on a stand Cambodia, Pre-Angkorian period Ancient Kingdom of Chanla Province of Kampong Thom, Site of Prasat Andet 7th-8th century The face of the divinity with its hieratic expression is inscribed in a perfect oval, the eyebrows delimited by a double incision in the shape of a circumflex accent surmounting two large open almond-shaped eyes. A wide and flattened nose, prominent cheekbones as well as a mouth with thick lips sketching a slight smile thus prefiguring a very sensitive and soft realistic modeling that we will find in later Khmer art. The ears with distended lobes, the top of the skull topped with a high tiara delimited by a fine border, the upper left part presenting the remains of a supporting arch, then connecting the arms to the head, on

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which the attributes of the god were placed.

Prasat Andet is a major site from the

pre-Angkorian period dedicated to the cult of

Vishnu. It is one of the sites already showing a

transition between Gupta styles and the more

distinct Khmer characteristics that would mark

the Angkor period. The associated cult of Vishnu

was essential in the legitimization of royal power,

the deity being venerated as the tutelary god of

kings in connection with the ideology of the

devaraja or god-king and associated with cosmic

order and the protection of the kingdom. Grey

stone Visible wear and losses 14.7 x 7.3 cm

including stand European private collection For a

head of Vishnu from the same period, see the link

below for the Art Curial sale of June 11, 2025:

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