



Roman Head Of Hercules In Giallo Antico - 2nd Century



15 000 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Marble

Height : 17cm

Description

Head of Hercules (Herakles), in yellow Siena marble (Giallo Antico) Bearded male head with powerful modeling, identified as Hercules/Herakles by the thick beard and abundant hair, held by a ribbon (taenia) that runs above the forehead. The spiral curls of the hair and beard are deeply drilled, typical of imperial workshops. The face, with its robust oval, has deep-set eyes (pupils not indicated), a broad forehead and a short mouth. The posterior part is summarily treated (likely a herm's head). Herms' heads, very fashionable in the 2nd century AD, were mounted on quadrangular pillars and placed in Roman villas, gardens or porticoes. Inherited from Greece, they represented gods, heroes or philosophers and served both as scholarly decoration and as a protective symbol. Their

Dealer

Art Eclectisme

Grand tour, décoration, et archéologie

Mobile : Whatsapp : +33601463242

16 rue Soyer

Neuilly sur Seine 92200

format made it possible to show an identifiable character without having to sculpt an entire statue. Giallo Antico, antique yellow marble or so-called Siena marble, comes from the quarries of Chemtou in Tunisia (ancient Simitthus, Numidia). This prestigious, rare and expensive marble was used for columns, coverings and monumental decorations of temples, forums and imperial villas. It was also used for statues, busts and herms, reserved for the elite, making Giallo Antico a symbol of luxury and power. Height: 16cm Provenance: private collection Switzerland