Egyptian Terracotta Female Figurine



5 500 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Terracotta

Description

Egyptian terracotta female figure, Middle Kingdom, 12th Dynasty, circa 1976-1793 BC. Height: 17 cm. Provenance: Private collection, Geneva. Broken in two (reattached). Right upper arm broken (missing). https://www.christies.com/en/lot/lot-6150897 Similar figurines in wood, ivory, faience, and clay are typically found in Middle Kingdom tombs. Traditionally interpreted as representing the deceased's companions or "concubines," they are now understood to symbolize more generally female fertility, a powerful force capable of breathing new life into the deceased. For an example of the same type, see: S. Schoske and D. Wildung, Entdeckungen, Ägyptische Kunst in Süddeutschland, Mainz am Rhein, 1985, p. 42, no. 28.

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