



## Large Punic Funerary Stele Dating From Between 100 Bc And 300 Ad



3 600 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Stone

Width : 9 cm

Height : 70 cm

### Description

Figured funerary stele - North Africa (Tunisia)  
Period: Late Punic period / Roman Africa Dating:  
c. 1st century BC - 3rd century AD Material:  
carved limestone Height: approx. 70 cm Origin:  
Tunisia Description Funerary stele in carved  
limestone featuring an arched niche housing a  
stylized human figure, surmounted by two facing  
birds with outstretched wings. The simple and  
hieratic composition is in keeping with the  
tradition of popular funerary stelae of ancient  
Africa, where the niche evokes a sacred space or  
a small sanctuary. The central figure likely  
represents the deceased or a protective presence.  
The upper register features two symmetrical  
birds, probably doves, a recurring motif in ancient  
North African funerary iconography and  
associated with the soul of the deceased or the

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passage to the afterlife. The reverse is uncarved, characteristic of stelae intended to be placed against a wall or partially buried. Condition: Ancient wear and erosion, softened relief, natural deposits and alterations consistent with prolonged outdoor exposure. Provenance: Former private collection, Brussels, already in the family in the 19th century. \*Better photos coming soon. This is a very rare museum piece that exudes an atmosphere that seems to be that of the soul of the deceased. \*\*Could you tell me more about the piece?