



## Three-headed Head Of Hecate, Ancient Greco- Roman Art, Antique Marble



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Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Marble

Height : 7cm

### Description

Exceptional three-headed head of Hecate - Ancient Greco-Roman art. A rare and evocative three-headed head carved from translucent light marble with an ivory patina, depicting Hecate, one of the most mysterious and powerful deities of the ancient pantheon. The three faces, arranged around a single axis, embody the triple nature of the goddess, sovereign of crossroads, passages between worlds, and forces that are both protective and chthonic. The rendering of the features, characterized by great classical restraint, emphasizes the serenity of the expressions and the symbolic power of the composition. Despite its small size, this sculpture possesses a remarkable presence, enhanced by the frontal orientation of the faces and the balance of its forms. The surface retains a beautiful ancient

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patina, marked by abrasion and the traces of time, which lend the piece an authentic archaeological depth. The three-headed depictions of Hecate are among the most fascinating iconographies of antiquity. Derived from the famous works attributed to the sculptor Alcamene in the 5th century B.C., they were traditionally placed at crossroads, at the entrances to sanctuaries or dwellings, to ensure protection, vigilance, and mediation between the divine, terrestrial, and underworld realms. Their highly symbolic nature makes them particularly sought-after examples of ancient religion today. Given its state of preservation and the quality of its sculptural presence, this small head is a collector's item of singular interest. Ancient sculptures depicting Hecate remain significantly rarer on the market than those of the major Olympian deities, which further enhances this work's appeal to enthusiasts of classical archaeology. Presented on an elegant, slender, custom-made contemporary metal base that perfectly showcases the piece. Dimensions: Height of the sculpture: 4.5 cm Total height with base: 7 cm Provenance: Former private collection. Acquired at public auction.