



PROANTIC

LE PLUS BEAU CATALOGUE D'ANTIQUITES

Female Statuette, Maternity "parturientes" -- Nayarit Culture, Western Mexico



4 280 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

FEMALE STATUETTE, MATERNITY

'parturientes' Nayarit culture, western Mexico

San Sebastián style Proto-Classical period, 100 BC -

250 AD Terracotta and pigments H.: 25; W.: 15

cm An anthropomorphic statuette depicting a

kneeling woman, made of terracotta with a

cream-brown ochre slip. Her body, entirely

adorned with numerous red ochre body paintings

of lines and spirals, is richly adorned with

jewellery: a three-row torque necklace, shoulder

ornaments, multiple hoop earrings, bracelets and

a large nose ring. Her hands rest on her protruding

abdomen, thus alluding to her motherhood; her

hair features a precisely defined pattern of

incisions arranged around a central parting; her

eyes are shaped like coffee beans, her nose is

aquiline, and the top of her skull is deformed to

Dealer

Galerie FCP Coridon

Old weapons and cutlery. Tribal Arts. Objects of curiosities

Tel : 06 81 15 31 79

Mobile : 06 75 98 11 19

110 rue des rosiers

Saint-Ouen 93400

form a piercing. These statuettes are known as 'parturientes' because their stylised depiction appears to have sought to capture the act of childbirth. As funerary companions, they were placed alongside the deceased to accompany them into the afterlife. Bibliography: It is reproduced in the catalogue for the exhibition 'Childhood and Motherhood', organised by the KeramioN gallery from 11 February to 5 March 2011, p. 38. Text and photos © FCP
CORIDONRef.: 7305