



Anthropomorphic Jade Pendant. China, Archaic Style, Zhou (chou).



700 EUR

Signature : Zhou

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Length : 55mm

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| Description |
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A small brown jade pendant depicting a standing figure with arms folded in front of the body. The deeply incised design combines the human figure with stylized elements characteristic of the archaic repertoire. A longitudinal perforation running through the piece allowed it to be suspended. The craftsmanship is of very high quality for this type of amulet-pendant. It features a remarkable antique patina. The style is reminiscent of archaic Chinese jade; however, an attribution to a much later period--the Ming Dynasty--cannot be entirely ruled out, as artisans of that era produced numerous archaizing jade pieces inspired by ancient models. The longitudinal perforation is nonetheless an interesting feature: late archaic-style pendants are frequently equipped with a simple transverse

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perforation, which is much easier to create, whereas the longitudinal perforation--which is technically more labor-intensive--demonstrates the particular care taken in its manufacture. In archaic China, these objects--intended to serve as protective amulets--could be crafted with extreme precision. A highly original good-luck charm that is particularly pleasant to the touch. Length: 55 mm.