

**SA1060314**

## Alabaster Sculpture of 'Hestia' Goddess of the Hearth, French, C. 1890

Price

**GBP 2,750**

| USD \$3,721 | EUR 3,218

**Item Reference: SA1060314****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 70 cm (27.6")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 36 cm (14.2")

## Description

Impressive Alabaster sculpture of the Greek Goddess 'Hestia', she leans over the fire bowl semi-naked, with a finely carved robe draped around her lower body. Very fine features Hestia: In Ancient Greek religion Hestia is a virgin goddess of the hearth, home, architecture, and the right ordering of domesticity, the family and the state. Daughter of Cronus and Rhea, and one of the 12 Olympian deities. As the goddess of the hearth, she personified the fire burning in the hearth of every home in Greece. Hestia received the first offering at every sacrifice in the household. In the public domain, the hearth of the prytaneum functioned as her official sanctuary. With the establishment of a new colony, flame from Hestia's public hearth in the mother city would be carried to the new settlement. She sat on a plain wooden throne with a white woollen cushion and did not trouble to choose an emblem for herself. French, Circa 1890 Condition: Excellent condition Dimensions: 25 Cms Width x 36 Cms Depth x 70 Cms Height

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