

SA1229108

Ancient Pre-Columbian Terracotta Ornithomorphic Vessel Over 2000 Years Old

Price

GBP 3,000

| USD \$4,060 | EUR 3,510

Item Reference: SA1229108**Date of manufacture: Pre 16th century**

Dimensions

Height = 20.8 cm (8.2")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Depth = 9.4 cm (3.7")

Description

Dimensions: Height 20.8 cm, width 20 cm, thickness 9.4 cm. Weight: 617 g Technique: Hand-modeled terracotta, slip, burnishing, incised ornament imitating wing plumage. Condition: Excellent antique condition with natural signs of wear, patina, and abrasions. A circular crack on the handle has been professionally restored and is therefore almost invisible. Provenance: From a private collection, acquired at a British auction. Rarity: A rare example of early Andean sculpture with expressive ornithomorphic iconography. Analogies: Museum exhibits of pre-Columbian ceramics from the Andean region (Chavin, Cupisnique, Vicus cultures). Based on the visual analysis of the photographs, the condition of the ceramics, and technological features: Cultural affiliation and style: The iconography of the vessel (a bird figure with a massive beak, the shape of the eyes, and incised geometric ornament denoting wings) is characteristic of ancient Peruvian pre-Columbian ceramics (Andean region, Early Horizon or Early Intermediate period cultures, such as Chavin, Cupisnique, or Vicus). Condition of the ceramics and signs of time: Natural wear is observed on the surface: the wearing away of the m...

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