

SA1229109

Pre-Columbian Moche Terracotta Vessel Mating Frogs Over 2000 Years Old

Price

GBP 3,000

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

Item Reference: SA1229109**Date of manufacture: Pre 16th century**

Dimensions

Height = 19 cm (7.5")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

Dimensions: Height 19 cm, width 23 cm, thickness 12 cm. Weight: 557 g Technique: Hand-modeled terracotta, slip, burnishing. Condition: Excellent antique condition with natural signs of wear. There is a minute hairline crack near the left eye (visible only under magnification) and a chip on the spout rim. Provenance: From a private collection, acquired at a British auction. Rarity: A scarce example of early Andean sculpture featuring expressive Moche iconography. Analogies: Museum exhibits of pre-Columbian ceramics from the Andean region (Moche culture, North Coast Peru). 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 mating frogs scene, which is a classic Andean symbol of water, agriculture, and fertility) is characteristic of Peruvian pre-Columbian ceramics (Andean region, Moche culture). Condition of the ceramics and signs of time: Natural wear is observed on the surface: the wearing away of the mineral coating (slip) and burnishing on the most protruding parts. Natural patina, mineral deposits, and traces of prolonged exposure or burial...

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