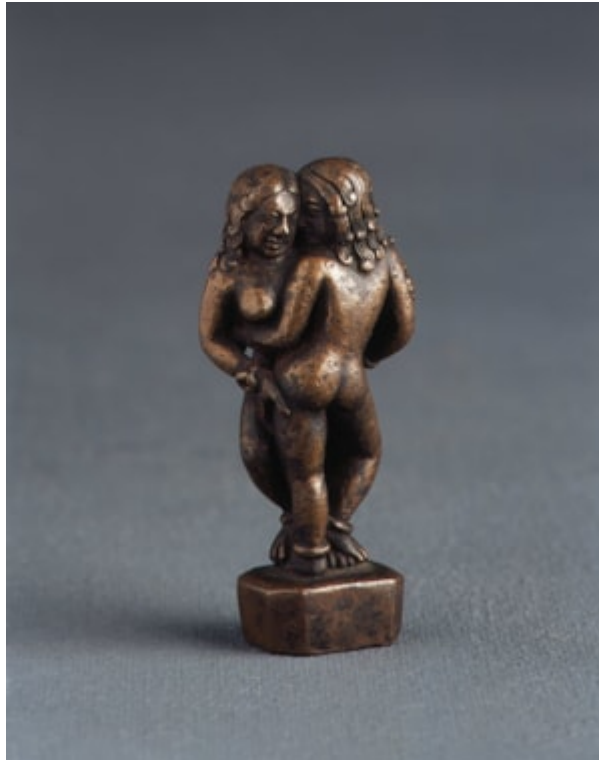


Finch & C^o



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CAST TO PRESENT THE ILLUSION OF FOUR DIFFERENT EMBRACING AND DANCING FIGURES

PERHAPS GOANESE

18TH CENTURY

SIZE : 6 CM HIGH – 2¼ INS HIGH

LITERATURE

POSSIBLY MADE AS AN ALLEGORY OF THE HINDU GOD SHIVA A GOD WHO COMBINES THE EROTIC AND THE ASCETIC AND IS OFTEN PORTRAYED WITH HIS CONSORT WHO APPEARS VARIOUSLY AS PARVATI, SATI OR UMA IN GRACEFUL AND SWAYING POSTURES.

IN HINDUISM SEX IS ALMOST SACRAMENTAL. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO LIFE AND THEREFORE WORTHY OF SERIOUS STUDY.

'PLEASURES' SAID VATSYAYNA ARE 'AS NECESSARY FOR THE WELL BEING OF THE BODY AS FOOD, (AND) ARE CONSEQUENTLY EQUALLY REQUIRED' THERE IS A TOTAL ABSENCE OF ANY SENSE OF SEXUAL GUILT OR SIN, WHICH IS FAR REMOVED FROM THE JUDAEO-CHRISTIAN TRADITION.