Finch & Co



**TWO NORTH ITALIAN LATE RENAISSANCE BRONZE MODELS OF CRABS**

TWO NORTH ITALIAN LATE RENAISSANCE BRONZE MODELS OF CRABS
BLACK BROWN LACQUER OVER DARK BROWN NATURAL PATINA
LATE 16TH – EARLY 17TH CENTURY
SIZES: A: 15.5CM WIDE, 9CM DEEP, 4CM HIGH – 6 INS WIDE, 3½ INS DEEP, 1½ INS HIGH
B: 9CM WIDE, 6.5CM DEEP, 2.5CM HIGH – 3½ INS WIDE, 2½ INS DEEP, 1 INS HIGH

**LITERATURE**

THESE TWO BRONZE MODELS OF CRABS WERE CAST FROM NATURE AND WERE MADE IN IMITATION OF EARLIER ANTIQUITIES. THE DETAILS OF THE CLAWS AND SHELL ARE FAITHFULLY RENDERED TO REPLICATE A LIVE CRAB JUST PLUCKED FROM THE SEA. THESE MODELS WERE VERY POPULAR OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE ASTROLOGICAL SIGN OF CANCER.