

Finch & C^o



ANCIENT ROMAN BRONZE PORTRAIT HEAD OF YOUNG WOMAN

AN ANCIENT ROMAN BRONZE PORTRAIT HEAD OF YOUNG WOMAN WITH OPEN MOUTH AND PENSIVE MELANCHOLY LOOK
HER HAIR ARRANGED IN WAVES WITH A CIRCULAR CURL BESIDE EACH EAR

THE BACK OF THE HEAD MISSING

HOLLOW CAST

SMOOTH DARK GREYISH GREEN PATINA

1ST - 2ND CENTURY AD

SIZE: 15CM HIGH, 7CM WIDE, 6CM DEEP - 6 INS HIGH, 2¾ INS WIDE, 2¼ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

THE MARBLE PORTRAIT AND HISTORICAL RELIEF ARE AMONG THE ORIGINAL CREATIONS OF ROMAN ART WHICH WERE ECHOED IN BRONZE SCULPTURES. THE IMITATION OF THE FACE CLOSELY FOLLOWED NATURE AND WERE OFTEN ACCURATE REVELATIONS OF THE CHARACTER OF THE PERSON BEING PORTRAYED. THE APPEARANCE OF ROMAN IMPERIAL RULERS AND THEIR WIVES DETAILED IN OFFICIAL PORTRAITS SET THE FASHION FOR MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE EMPIRE. THEIR CLOTHES AND HAIRSTYLES WOULD BE COPIED AND WORN BY ALL WHO ASPIRED TO THE IMPERIAL COURT.

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