

STATUE OF THE GOD HORUS

Artist: Unknown
 Date: 712-332 BC
 Dimensions: 70 x 14 x 28 cm
 Material: Bronze
 Inventory Number: 37392

Total Cost € 4.900,00

STATE OF PRESERVATION:

Surfaces are corroded and several portions are encrusted with corrosive salt bi-products. It is possible that in the past this piece was poorly restored using a solvent that was too strong. There is a fissure in the back of the statuette.

RESTORATION PROCESS INCLUDES:

- Cleaning and elimination of the corrosive salt bi-products.
- Systematic cleaning of all the surfaces
- Dehydration
- Stabilization of the residual products of corrosion
- Consolidation of the fractures
- Protective final varnish
- Creation of a support to display the piece
- Photographic documentation

Horus is one of the most ancient deities of the Egyptian pantheon. He was considered the protector of the monarchy since the early dynasties. This god was represented either as a hawk, or, as in this statuette, as a falcon-headed man with the double crown of Upper and Lower Egypt on his head. Horus is also represented as the god of the sky, shaped as a falcon whose eyes are the sun and the moon.

Horus is the son of Isis and Osiris, and he was given the throne of the living world as heir of Osiris. Osiris was murdered and dismembered by the god Seth out of jealousy. Horus later sought revenge for his father's life. Thus, the Pharaoh, as a "living Horus on earth," is considered the earthly manifestation of Horus.

The statuette, which has a hollow space, was used as a funerary urn for the mummy of a falcon, and was possibly placed in one of the cemeteries dedicated to the god. The most important and largest hawk cemetery was located in North Saqqara and housed hundreds of thousands of mummified falcons.

