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Cypriot Poppy Jug

A large ancient Cypriot pottery jug, or bilbil, in the form of an inverted poppy, with a flared lip, loop handle, and linear grooves around the neck and body.

Ca. 1600 - 1450 BC.
Height: 9 in. (23 cm).



Opium residue has been found in excavated examples of this type of Cypriot poppy-form vase.

cf.: V. Karageorghis, Ancient Art from Cyprus: The Cesnola Collection, (New York, 2000), nos. 57, 58, p. 41.

Formerly in the collection of Artemis A. W. Joukowsky (1930-2020) and Dr. Martha Sharp Joukowsky, president of the Archaeological Institute of America, 1989-1993, (1936-2022), Providence, Rhode Island; acquired in 1968.

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