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Egyptian Bronze Harpokrates

An ancient Egyptian bronze statuette of the god Harpokrates; nude, seated and pointing his right forefinger to his mouth, his feet resting on a trapezoidal foot stool; wearing the sidelock of youth, nemes head cloth with uraeus, diadem, and fragmentary hemhem crown.



30th Dynasty to Ptolemaic Period,
Ca. 380 - 30 BC.
Height: 5 1/2 in. (14 cm).

Harpokrates, the infant son of Isis and Horus was a symbol of youth and fertility. He was essentially a patron deity of childhood, especially popular in the Late Period. Often depicting suckling Isis, wearing the side lock of youth, and with his index finger to his mouth.

Formerly in the William H. and Lily F. Diehl collection, New York, acquired in 1947, probably from Maguid Sameda, Cairo; subsequently in the Walter H. (1920-1981) and Martha W. Diehl collection; subsequently in an American private collection.

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