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Egyptian Bronze Isis Nursing Horus

An ancient Egyptian bronze statuette of the goddess Isis nursing the infant Harpokrates; Isis wears a full length close fitting gown, a vulture headdress with a frontal uraeus surmounted by a solar disk with cow horns.

Late Dynastic Period,
Ca. 664 - 332 BC.
Height: 5 1/2 in. (14 cm).

Isis was the wife of Osiris, protector and patron of women, and model of conjugal love. She is often depicted suckling the infant Harpokrates. Later regarded as a healer, she became associated with Demeter, Aphrodite, and Hathor.

cf.: G. Scott, Ancient Egyptian Art at Yale, (Yale, 1986) p. 150, no. 84b.

Formerly in a New York private collection, previously in a European private collection; Bonham's, London, October 15, 2008, lot 104.

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