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Egyptian Limestone Relief of Ptah

An ancient Egyptian limestone deep sunk relief depicting the god Ptah in relief facing to the left wearing a skull cap and false beard.

New Kingdom, 19th - 20th Dynasty,
Ca. 1295 - 1065 BC.
Height: 15 1/2 in. (39.3 cm).



Ptah was a primordial Egyptian god responsible for creation. He was the patron deity of craftsmen, particularly stone carvers and sculptors Ptah's significance increased with the growing industry of funerary goods at the necropolis of Thebes. He began to become associated with god of the underworld, Osiris, eventually becoming known as Ptah-Soker-Osiris.

Formerly in the Hoffmann collection, Berlin, Germany prior to 1939: Cahn auction, Basel, Switzerland, September, 22, 2006, lot 89; subsequently in a New York private collection.

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