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Greek Geometric Skyphos



An ancient Greek Geometric skyphos with strap handles, the body decorated in dark slip with a panel of spirals and a thick band on either side.

Geometric Period
Ca. 8th - 7th century BC.
Height: 2 3/4 in. (6.9 cm).

Geometric pottery production began as Greece reemerged from the Dark Age after the decline of Mycenaean Bronze Age civilization. Geometric pottery was austere but precise in its execution. The shapes and decorative motifs that would eventually be predominant in Classical Greek vase painting are at first evident in Greek Geometric pottery of the 8th century BC.

Formerly in the collection of Jerome Eisenberg, New York.

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