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Greek Terracotta Artemis

An ancient Hellenistic Greek large terracotta statue of Artemis standing with her right knee slightly bent, wearing a short tunic over her long chiton, secured by a belt above her waist; she originally held a bow in her right hand with a quiver attached to the right side of the tunic; covered overall with white slip and large sections of red and pink polychrome still visible.



Canosa, Apulia, Magna Graecia.
Ca. 3rd century BC.
Height: 16 in. (41 cm).

Artemis, sister of Apollo, was an important Greek goddess, especially associated with women, nature, and the moon. She was the virgin hunter, protector of young women, and overseer of the harvest. Canosa was a prosperous early Greek colony in Apulia. It became an important commercial center and producer of fine pottery in the Hellenistic Period. Terracotta statuettes depicting ancient Greek women in fine dress became especially popular during the Hellenistic period. Workshops at Tanagra in Boeotia, at Rhodes, Alexandria, and Apulia produced a great many finely modeled and painted examples of fashionable women.

Formerly in a California private collection.

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