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Italo-Corinthian Pyxis



An ancient Italo-Corinthian lidded pyxis of cylindrical form, one side of the body depicts a panther facing a goat, the other side with a boar between two lions, rosettes in the field; with rays above the base, concentric circles on the underside; the lid with a lotus-bud chain.

Etruria.
Ca. 620 - 590 BC.
Width: 3 3/8 in. (8.1 cm).

The pyxis was a lidded cylindrical vessel mostly used by women to hold cosmetics, trinkets or jewelry. Surviving pyxides from the Classical Period are mostly ceramic, but sometimes they are made of wood, metal, or ivory. The name derived from Corinthian boxes made of wood from the boxwood tree (puxos).

Formerly in the collection of William Suddaby; Florida; acquired from Harlan Berk, Chicago, 2000; Christie's, New York, December 9, 2005, lot 207; Jerome Eisenberg, collection, New York.

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