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Neolithic Vinca Terracotta Head

An ancient Neolithic Vinca terracotta head of abstract form with broad forehead and inverted triangular chin, and incised details overall.

Vinca Culture, Balkans.
Ca. 5000 - 4000 BC.
Height: 1 1/2 in. (3.8 cm).

The Vinca Culture derives its name from the modern village of Vinca, located on the banks of Danube, near Belgrade, where one of the largest and most significant prehistoric Neolithic settlements in Europe was discovered in 1908. The vast majority of Vinca figures represent women and animals.

cf.: M. Gimbutas, The Language of the Goddess, (New York, 1989), p. 26, 27, fig. 39 - 40.

Formerly in an American private collection.

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