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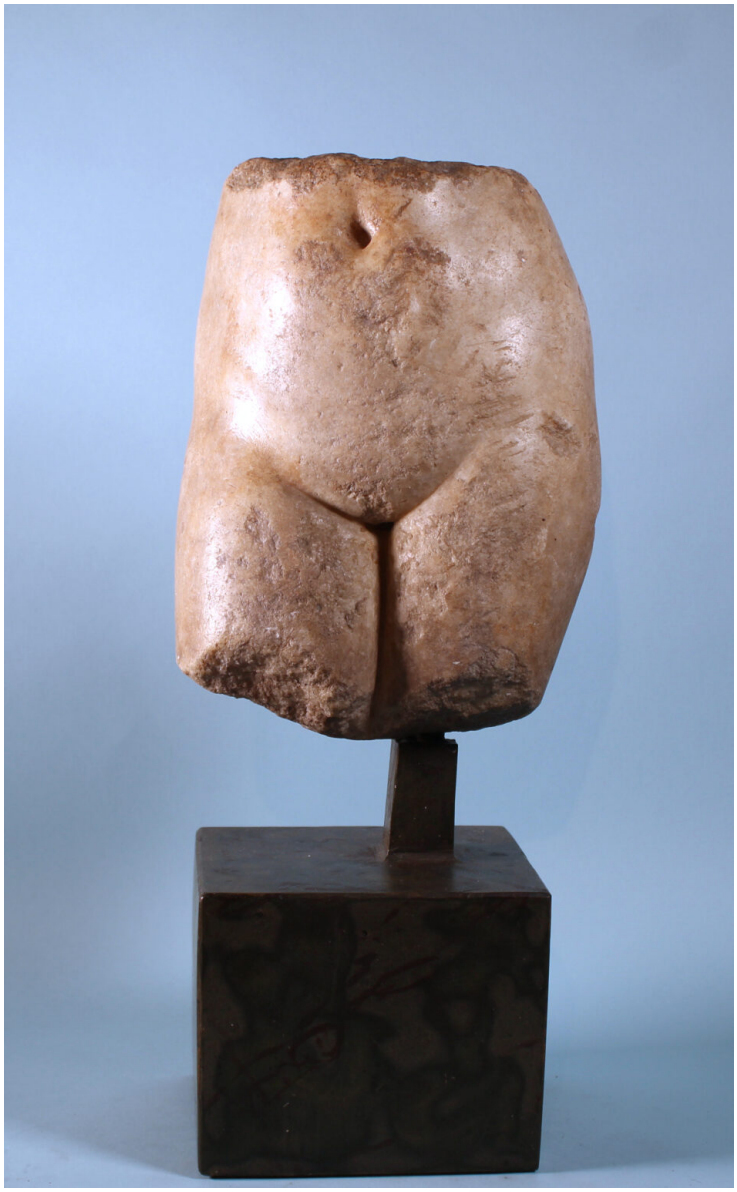
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Roman Marble Torso of Aphrodite

An ancient Roman marble lower torso of Aphrodite (Venus), the goddess of erotic love and beauty, depicted nude with realistic anatomical proportions.

Ca. 1st century AD.
Height: 7 3/4 in. (19.6 cm).



Aphrodite was the Greek goddess of sexual love and beauty. She was also known as Cypris and Cytherea after the two islands, Cyprus and Cythera, where she was said to have originated. The Anadyomene (rising) type is one of the most popular representations of Aphrodite, as according to Greek mythology the goddess was born from the foam of the sea. Hephaestus was her husband, the child Eros her companion, and Ares one of her lovers.

Formerly in an American private collection.

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