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Roman Oil Lamp: Theater Masks

An ancient Roman pottery oil lamp with a ribbed loop handle, with three theatrical masks around the discus, a sandal imprint (planta pedia) as a workshop trademark on the underside.

Ca. 1st - 3rd century AD.
Length: 4 in. (10 cm).

A full lamp of this type would burn for two or three hours.Loeschcke Type V.

Formerly in a Trier, Germany private collection, acquired from Munzen & Medaillen, Basel, Switzerland in 1985.

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