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Sumerian Anhydrite Bull Stamp Seal



An ancient Sumerian anhydrite stamp seal in the form of a recumbent bull with abstract animal designs on the base.

Uruk, Jemdet Nasr Period.
Ca. 3300 - 2900 BC.
Length: 1 1/2 in. (4 cm).

The site of Jemdet Nasr in northern central Mesopotamia was an important administrative and cultural center at the turn of the 3rd millennium BC. The Jemdet Nasr Period is associated with the Urban Revolution, the building of cities, the advent of copper and bronze metallurgy, and the transition between prehistory and history.

cf: Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, no. 42.540; Metropolitan Museum of Art, no. 55.65.10.

Formerly in an American private collection.

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