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CERTIFICATE

SARCOPHAGUS MASK IN WOOD EGYPT - 26th Dynasty (664-525 BC)

MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE: upper part of an anthropomorphic sarcophagus in wood covered with a traditional stucco work and painted in both yellow and black. Yellow is the color of gold representing the sun at its zenith, a symbol of immortality as well as the color of the flesh of the gods; black is the color of the fertile alluvium of the Nile and so of fertility for humans and rebirth. White is the symbol of purity, and blue and red symbolize joy. The face presents masculine features with a black and white striped *nemes* headdress. It is sculpted with large eyebrows painted in blue, and big eyes also highlighted in blue. Rectilinear nose, not very prominent cheekbones. At the base of the neck there remains a part of a *ousekh* necklace.

Fragmented state and some traces of xylophagous insects.

ORIGIN: in Greek *sarkophagus* means “flesh-eating stone”.

DIMENSIONS: Height: 43 cm / 16.93 in

CERTIFICAT: this piece has a passeport culturel from Ministère Français de la culture num. 159716

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