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CERTIFICATE

HEAD OF BUDDHA IN BRONZE THAILAND – SUKHOTHAI (AD 17th cent.)

MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE: small head of Buddha in bronze covered with black patina, wearing the flame called *Ushnisha* and elongated ears. Prevalent traits of the period with large eyes that are half open, elegantly marked brow arch, small straight nose and a small sensual mouth.

Excellent state of preservation, lovely patina from ancient excavation.

ORIGIN: Sukhothai is located 600 km north of Bangkok and was the capital of the first Thai kingdom from 1238 until the 15th century. After having been the subjects of the Khmer Empire, the Thai people gained their independence and began to define a very specific art of great elegance. This art moved away from the usual canons of the representation of Buddha to initiate new idealized forms that were more fluid, with curves that reflected the Buddha's extreme state of serenity. The flame on the top of the Buddha's head is known as the *Ushnisha*, it references the inner light that emanates from it. This flame is one of the main characteristics of the Buddha in Sukhothai art.

DIMENSIONS: Height: 10.5 cm (4.1")

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