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CERTIFICATE

EXCELLENT KUSHAN WARRIOR GANDHĀRA (AD 1st - early 3rd century)

MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE: height relief of a Kushan warrior in the dark grey schist typical to the valleys of the Gandhara. His uniform, traditional characteristic dress, is made up of pants draped and knotted below a leather skirt, a prominent, short-sleeved tunic and a turban headdress. Adorned with jewellery such as necklaces and earrings, he is armed with a long sword slung over the shoulder with a strop, probably in leather, as well as a shield. A vegetal frieze finely carved with rosettes and acanthus leaves constitutes the base of the relief.

No visible repair, good state of preservation: right arm missing. Some scratches due to age.

ORIGIN: the Kushans (*Guishang*) originated from a tribe, the Yue-zhi of Bactria, placed under the authority of five chiefs. Kushan is believed to be the name of one of those chiefs. A reigning dynasty of India in present-day, Pakistan and Afghanistan, they built an eclectic society based on Greco-Roman, Iranian, Indian and Chinese cultures of which the most beautiful expression is founding the Greco-Buddhist arrival of the Sassanid around 224-240 AD, the empire was shaken until its complete collapse in 270 when the Kushan lost their supremacy on the Ganges Plain.

DIMENSIONS: Height: 35 cm/13,7795'' without the base.

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