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CERTIFICATE

TERRACOTTA BEAK-SPOUTED JAR BACTRIA (3rd millennium B.C.)

MATERIAL AND METHOD: beak-spouted jar with globular body in a camel, pink coloured terracotta with visible traces of roots. Typical horizontal spout, whose shape will be adopted in later pottery productions in Luristan and Syria.

The extremity of the spout is missing.

Very good state of preservation.

ORIGIN: Bactria is an ancient region situated between the mountains of the Hindu Kush and the river Amu Darya, once joining northern India, Sogdiana, eastern Scythia and western Ircania. The 3rd millennium B.C. saw this area develop a brilliant urban civilization, that of the Bronze Age. Some regard it as the cradle of Persian civilization and Zoroastrianism. The production of delicate pottery as well as the first appearance of settlements developed at an early stage, along with a sophisticated irrigation system. This marked the beginning of sedentary culture.

PROVENANCE: this bowl belonged to the collection of Jean-Pierre Carbonnel (1937-2002), an eminent scientist who collected several pieces from Bactria., as he was appointed Director of the permanent scientific mission of the C.N.R.S in Afghanistan,

MEASUREMENTS: Height: 11.6 cm (4.5") – Diameter: 12 cm (4.7")

THERMOLUMINESCENCE TEST performed by QED laboratory, which confirms the dating of this piece. Test n° QED148/FG-0607

BIBLIOGRAPHY: published in the book « *Collecting Masterpieces* » Part one by Beryl Cavallini, pages 72 - 73

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