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CERTIFICATE

FOOTED CUP OR « CHALICE » IN TERRACOTTA BACTRIA (3rd Mill. B.C.)

MATERIAL AND METHOD : Deep cup in lightly buffed terracotta, ovoid and globular shape, with one foot resting on a circular pedestal. This fine and filtered clay piece was created using the colombine method. At the base of the pedestal there is a small lip typical of these types of bowls.

ORIGIN : Bactria was an ancient region between the mountains of the Hindu Kush and the river Amu Darya, which once joined North India, Sogdiana, Eastern Scythia and Western Iran. The 3rd mill. B.C. sees this part of the world develop a brilliant urban civilization which is that of the Bronze Age. Some regard it as the cradle of Persian civilization where the religion of Zoroaster was born. Both fine pottery and the first emergence of a settlement and sophisticated irrigation were also born, marking the beginning of sedentary cultures.

PROVENANCE : This piece is from the collection of Jean-Pierre Carbonnel (1937-2002) an eminent scientist who, during his time as Director of the permanent scientific mission C.N.R.S., collected several pieces from Bactria.

MEASUREMENTS : Height : 16,3 cm (6.2") - Diameter : 11,3 cm (4.3")

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