



Head from a Statuette of Osiris

Date

Third Intermediate Period (c. 752 BC - 656 BC), Dynasty 25

Primary Maker

Egyptian, anonymous

Medium

bronze

Description

This hollow cast, bronze head was originally part of a votive statuette depicting the Egyptian god of the underworld, Osiris. He wears his usual atef-crown adorned with a uraeus. There are thin slots on each side of the crown for inserting separately cast plumes, which are now lost. The head has broken off at the neck, and there are still remnants of the casting matrix visible inside.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 1/2 x 7/8 in. (6.3 x 2.2 cm) Base: 2 3/16 x 1 1/4 x 1 7/16 in. (5.5 x 3.1 x 3.7 cm)