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In this auction we offer 85 high quality and rare objects of ancient art from various ancient Mediterranean cultures. The ancient cultures represented are Egypt, Middle East, Phoenicia, Greece, Etruria, Italy, Rome, Celts and Bronze Age. Most of the objects once came from renowned Swiss private collections as well as from European private collections such as Axel Guttman, C. Righetti, P. Souleil, W. Rosenbaum, Herbert A. Cahn, Max Hagemann, M. Tritten and the Bonsera Family. Many of the objects were once acquired in world-renowned galleries, including Antikenkabinett Frankfurt of Bernd Gackstätter, Ars Antiqua Dominique Thirion, Bruxelles; Galerie Fortuna, Zürich; Royal Athena, New York; Galeria Serodine, Ascona; Jean-David Cahn, Basel and Vitalis and Kazarossian, Athens. All objects offered in this auction are accompanied by a certificate of authenticity with proof of provenance and come with an unlimited guarantee of authenticity. We offer in-house shipping for all lots offered.

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# ANCIENT ART

(LOT 1 – 86)

01

## Lot Of 6 Ancient Avaric Belt Fittings

East Europe, 7th – 9th century A.D. / bronze / Lmax  
= 4.5 cm ( 1 49/64 inches )

Some small remnants of the gilding are preserved.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.

Purchased in 2019 from the UK art market.

Before that in German private collection of Axel  
Guttmann, Germany.

Est.: 100 – 200 CHF / Start: No reserve



02

## Ancient Merovingian Bird Fibula

Central Europe, 5th – 7th century A.D. / bronze / H  
= 3.3 cm (1 19/64 inches )

Merovingian bronze fibula in the shape of a bird.  
With a green patina. Pin is missing.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Tritten, Binningen.

Purchased in 2019 from the Austrian art market.

Before that in Austrian private collection.

Purchased at an antiques and collectors fair in  
2013 in Austria.

Est.: 150 – 300 CHF / Start: 80 CHF



03

### **Roman Terracotta Oil Lamp with Biga**

Roman Empire, 1st century A.D. / terracotta / L = 10.5 cm ( 4 9/64 inches )

Roman oil lamp depicting a biga and charioteer.  
Catalogue references:  
Loeschke type I.

Provenance:  
Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.  
Before that in the Swiss private collection of Claudio Righetti, Bern. Collection created in 1950-1990.

Est.: 1'000 – 1'500 CHF / Start: 500 CHF



04

### **Denarius IMP ALEXANDER PIVS AVG**

Roman Empire, 231/235 A.D. / silver / D = 2.2 cm ( 55/64 inches )

Roman silver denarius of emperor Alexander Pius.

Catalogue references:  
C.84 - RIC.239 - BMC/RE.825 - RSC.81 - RCV.7870

Provenance:  
Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.  
Before that in French private collection.

Est.: 100 – 200 CHF / Start: No reserve



05

### **Ancient Roman Ultramarine Blue Enamelled Fibula**

Roman Empire, 1st century A.D. / bronze, enamel / D = 2.8 cm ( 1 2/16 inches )

Roman bronze fibula with ultramarine blue enamel ring. Intact with pin.

Published:

Katalog Nr. 9. : Antiken Kabinett Bernd Gackstätter, Frankfurt am Main, 2014.

**This object is accompanied by the original catalog with pricelist.**

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel.

2014 at the Antiken Kabinett Frankfurt am Main.

Before that in Swiss private collection since the 1970-80's.

Est.: 200 – 300 CHF / Start: 100 CHF



06

### **Ancient Roman Ceramic Jug**

Roman Empire, 2nd – 3rd century A.D. / Terracotta / H = 9 cm ( 3 35/64 inches )

Roman terracotta jug with handle. Intact, with a beautiful belly.

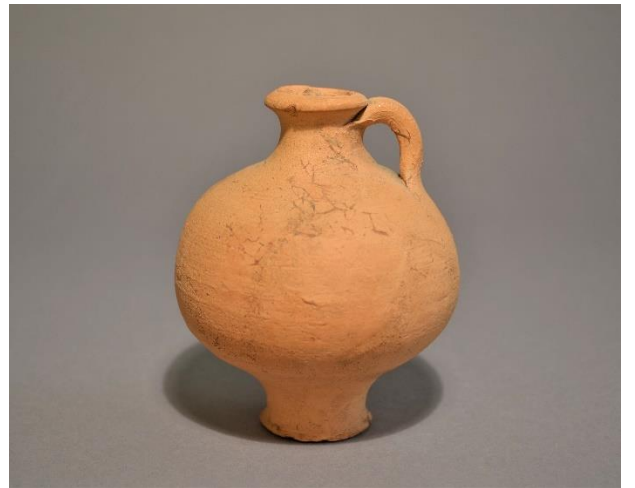
Provenance:

Swiss private collection Tritten, Binningen.

Purchased in around 2012 from the Swiss art market in Basel.

Before that in Swiss private collection.

Est.: 200 – 300 CHF / Start: 120 CHF



07

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Fibula**

Roman Empire, 2nd – 3rd century A.D. / bronze / L = 5.5 cm ( 2 11/64 inches )

Roman bronze fibula with zick-zack decoration and pin. Damage to the needle holder.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Tritten, Binningen.

Purchased in around 2012 from the Swiss art market in Basel.

Before that in Swiss private collection.

Est.: 100 – 200 CHF / Start: No reserve



08

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Phallic Amulet**

Roman Empire, 1st – 3rd century A.D. / bronze / H = 2.5 cm ( 1 inch )

Roman bronze phallic amulet with loop. Intact.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel.

Purchased on the French art market Paris.

Before that, French private collection, Paris.

Est.: 300 – 400 CHF / Start: 160 CHF



09

### **Ancient Roman Ceramic Jug**

Roman Empire, 2nd – 3rd century A.D. / terracotta / H  
= 16.5 cm ( 6 1/2 inches )

Roman terracotta jug with handle. Intact, with a  
beautiful belly.

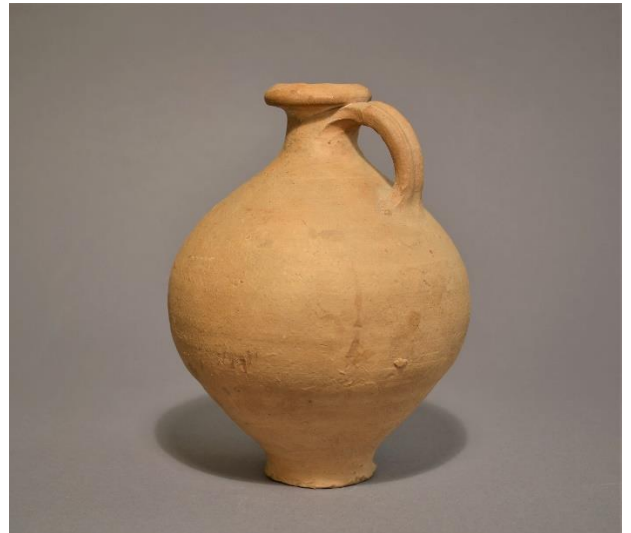
Provenance:

Swiss private collection Tritten, Binningen.

Purchased in around 2012 from the Swiss art market  
in Basel.

Before that in Swiss private collection.

Est.: 300 – 400 CHF / Start: 150 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman Massive Ceramic Pot, Indented**

Roman Empire, 2nd – 3rd century A.D. / terracotta / H  
= 17 cm ( 6 11/16 inches )

Roman yellow and green colored indented ceramic pot  
with line decoration. Intact.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.

Purchased in around 2014 from the Swiss art market  
in Basel.

Before that in Swiss private collection.

Est.: 500 – 700 CHF / Start: 250 CHF





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### **Ancient Byzantine Oil Lamp**

Byzantium, 5th – 7th century A.D. / terracotta / L = 10.9 cm ( 4 19/64 inches )

Byzantine terracotta oil lamp. Handle is missing.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection of Carl Leonhard Burckhardt (1902-1965).

**This lot is accompanied by the original certificate of the Gallery Cahn.**

Est.: 100 – 200 CHF / Start: No reserve



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### **Ancient Roman Pouring Jug**

Roman, 2nd - 3rd century A.D. / ceramic / H = 20.1 cm ( 7 29/32 inches )

Roman pottery jug with two handles, strainer and spout. Intact.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection, Basel.

Purchased at the Munich art market 2021.

Before that in German private collection.

Before that in Swiss private collection of S. C., purchased in the 1970 - 1980s.

Est.: 400 - 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF





13

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Pinsette**

Roman(Britannia), 2nd - 3rd century A.D. / bronze / L = 5.2 cm ( 2 3/64 inches )

Roman bronze pinsette with nice and very rare river patina. Small part missing.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection, Basel-Landschaft.

Purchased at the UK art market in 2021.

Before that in UK private collection.

Est.: 100 - 200 CHF / Start: No reserve



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### **Beautiful Ancient Roman Bronze Surgical Instrument**

Roman Empire, 1nd - 3rd century A.D. / bronze / L = 5.2 cm ( 2 3/64 inches )

Roman bronze surgical instrument with hexagonal cross section and counterweight. With a beautiful and very rare river patina.

In great condition.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection, Basel-Landschaft.

Purchased before 2010 at the Swiss art market Basel.

Before that in German private collection since the 1950's.

Est.: 1'000 – 1'500 CHF / Start: 500 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman Glass Cosmetic Spoon**

Roman Empire, 1st - 2nd century A.D. / glass / L = 12.7 cm ( 5 inches )

Fine cosmetic spoon made of blue glass. Broken and repaired in the middle.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera, purchased on the British art market in 2020.

Est.: CHF 400 - 600 / Start: CHF 200



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### **Ancient Roman Glass Double Cosmetic Tube**

Roman Empire, 1st – 2nd century A.D. / glass / H = 16 cm (6 1/4 inches)

Roman glass double cosmetic tube with handle. Handle reattached, small part missing, crack along the body.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection R. Bonsera, Basel.  
Before that in French private collection.

Est.: 300 – 500 CHF / Start: 150 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman Bronze Enamelled Dolphine Fibula**

Roman Empire, 1st - 2nd century A.D. / bronze,  
enamel / L = 4.3 cm (1 11/16 inches)

Roman bronze enamelled fibula with dolphine in the  
center. Pin missing, dolphine no longer possible to  
rotate. Pin missing. Extremely rare type.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection F. B. Münchenstein.

Before that, in Swiss private collection Allschwil.

Purchased on the UK art market.

Est.: 400 – 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF



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### **Ancient Late Roman Bronze Enamelled Fibula With Birds**

Roman Empire, 4th Century A.D. / Bronze ; Enamel /  
D = 4.6 cm (1 13/16 inches)

Late roman bronze enamelled fibula with a fascinating  
motive. Some enamel remained.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Tritten, Binningen.

Purchased from the Swiss art market in 2010.

Before that in German private collection Rhein-Main  
area.

Est.: 400 – 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF



19

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Phallus Amulet**

Roma, 1st – 2nd century B.C. / bronze / L = 3.1 cm (1 7/32 inches)

Roman bronze phallus amulet. Loop damaged.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera, Basel. Purchased around 2012 on the Swiss art market, Basel. Before that in German private collection.

Est.: CHF 100 - 200 / Start : No reserve



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### **Unique Ancient Roman Aucissa Fibula With 6(!) Bridges**

Roman Empire, 1st - 3rd century A.D. / bronze / L = 6.5 cm ( 2 9/16 inches )

Roman bronze Aucissa fibula with 6(!) bridges. With a beautiful and very rare river patina. Intact !

Provenance:

Swiss private collection, Basel-Landschaft. Purchased before 2010 at the Swiss art market Basel. Before that in German private collection since the 1950's.

Est.: 1'000 – 1'500 CHF / Start: 500 CHF



21

### **Ancient Roman Glass Cup With Thread Decoration**

Roman, 1st - 2nd century A.D. / glass / H = 11.5 cm ( 4 17/32 inches )

Roman glass cup with blue decorative thread. Intact with crack and fissure in the cup.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection

Basel-Landschaft, purchased 2021 on the French art market, Paris.

Est.: CHF 400 - 600 / Start: CHF 200



22

### **Ancient Roman Bowl With Thread Decoration**

Roman, 2nd-3rd century AD / glass / W = 7 cm ( 2 3/4 inches )

Small Roman glass bowl with white glass thread decoration. One larger rim piece restored, otherwise intact.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection

Basel-Landschaft, purchased 2021 on the Swiss art market, Basel.

Before in French private collection, Paris.

Est.: CHF 400 - 600 / Start: CHF 200



23

### **Ancient Roman Indented Glass Bottle**

Roman, 2nd - 3rd century A.D. / glass / H = 11 cm ( 4 21/64 inches )

Roman glass bottle with several dents on the whole circumference. In almost perfect condition.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel.

Purchased 2020 on the Swiss art market, Basel.

Before that in British private collection.

Purchased between 1955 and 1976.

Est.: 600 - 800 CHF / Start: 300 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman Glass Unguentarium**

Roman Empire, 1st – 3rd century A.D. / glass / H = 11.2 cm (4 1/2 inches)

Roman glass unguentarium with long neck and flat bottom. Intact, completely sintered through the whole wall.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased in 2021 from Jean-David Cahn.

Before that in the private collection of Carl Leonhard Burckhardt.

Est.: 300 – 400 CHF / Start: 160 CHF





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### **Ancient Roman Flat Bottom Glass Unguentarium**

Roman Empire ; Eastern Mediterranean, 1st – 3rd century A.D. / glass / H = 7.4 cm ; D = 6.9 cm (3 ; 2 3/4 inches)

Roman thick-walled bottle made of bluish green glass. Lenticular body with cylindrical neck and horizontal mouth. Intact, with fascinating iridescence. Intact.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.  
Before that in old French collection of Mr. Pierre Souleil acquired between 1955 - 1975.

Est.: 600 – 800 CHF / Start: 300 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman Glass Bottle With Heavy Iridescence**

Roman Empire, 1st – 3rd century A.D. / glass / H = 12.5 cm ( 5 inches )

Roman glass bottle with globular body and long neck. Intact, with extraordinary iridescence.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection F. B., Münchenstein.  
Before that in Swiss private collection, Basel  
Purchased on the Belgium art market Uccle.

Est.: 800 – 1'200 CHF / Start: 400 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman Marbled Glass Bottle**

Roman Empire, 1st – 2nd century A.D. / glass / H = 12 cm (4 3/4 inches)

Roman marbled glass bottle with conical body and long neck. In perfect condition.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection, Basel.

Purchased in 2021 on the US art market, Chicago.

Before that in US private estate, Connecticut, bought in the mid 1980s Years.

(With a copy of the signed provenance statement from the estate executor.)



Est.: 1'500 – 2'500 CHF / Start: 800 CHF

28

### **Ancient Phoenician Glass Bird**

Phoenician, 5th - 4th century B.C. / glass / H = 2.8 cm ( 1 7/64 inches )

Bird made of blue and yellow glass made. Intact with chipping.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera, bought 2020 on the German Munich art market.

Previously in German private collection.



Est.: CHF 300 - 400 / Start: No reserve

29

### **Ancient Phoenician Stamnoid Core-Formed Glass Bottle**

Phoenician, 5th – 4th century B.C. / glass / H = 7.3 cm ( 2 7/8 inches)

Roman pale green glass amphoriskos with folded rim and beautiful proportions. Small chips, one small chip reattached at the foot.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.

Purchased on the 2020 German art market Munich.

Before that in German private collection Bavaria, since 2011.

Est.: 800 – 1'200 CHF / Start: 400 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman bronze Salamander**

Roman Empire, 1st – 3rd century A.D. / bronze / L = 4.5 cm ( 1 49/64 inches )

Roman bronze figure of a salamander. Very nice shapped. Tail missing, evnt regrowing.

Provenance :

Swiss private collection Tritten, Binningen.

Purchased around 2010 on the Swiss art market in Basel.

Est.: 200 – 400 CHF / Start: 100 CHF



31

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Animal Limb**

Roman Empire, 1st – 3rd century A.D. / bronze / L = 7.7 cm (3 inches)

Roman bronze animal limb, component of a statuette. Component, in good condition.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel.

Purchased from an Etwall auction house at the art market England 2021.

Before that in old private UK collection, England.

At Rhenus Auction # 2: sold but remained unpaid.

Est.: 100 – 200 CHF / Start: No reserve



32

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Sea Horse Shaped Mech. Component**

Roman Empire, 2nd century A.D. / bronze / H = 12 cm (4 3/4 inches)

Roman bronze mechanical component in the shape of a sea horse. Intact, with nice patina.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel.

Purchased from the French art market Paris.

Before that in French private collection Paris.

Est.: 600 – 800 CHF / Start: 300 CHF



33

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Handle With Head Of Medusa**

Roman Empire, 1st Century A.D. / Bronze / H = 11.5 cm (4 1/2 inches)

Roman bronze handle with the head of Medusa. Intact, nice patina.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection, Basel.

Purchased from Philippe Thonier Les Andelys, France.

Before that in French private collection area of Rouen.

Est.: 400 – 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman Bronze Fascinum**

Roman, 1st - 3rd century AD / bronze / W = 7.5 cm ( 3 inches )

Roman bronze fascinum with loop. Intact.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection

Basel, bought on the French art

Paris art market. Previously French private collection, Paris.

Est.: 400 - 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF



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### **Ancinet Roman Bronze Statuette Of The Syncretic Isis-Demeter**

Roman Empire, 2nd – 3rd century A.D. / bronze / H = 7.2 cm (2 53/64 inches )

Roman bronze statuette of the syncretic goddess Isis-Demeter holding the missing elysian torch.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased in 2019 from ANJ Antiquities NY.

Est.: 600 – 800 CHF / Start: 300 CHF



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### **Ancinet Roman Lead Statuette Of Venus**

Roman Empire, 2nd – 3rd century A.D. / lead / H = 9 cm ( 3 35/64 inches )

Roman lead statuette of Venus.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased in 2012 from the German art market in Munich.

Est.: 200 – 400 CHF / Start: 100 CHF





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### **Ancient Egyptian Alabastron**

Egyptian, roman period, 1st – 3rd century A.D. /  
alabaster / H = 13.7 cm ( 5 25/64 inches )

Egyptian alabaster vessel with ring on the neck. In  
very good condition.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased in 2021 from Jean-David Cahn.

Before that in the private collection of Carl Leonhard  
Burckhardt (1902-1965).

**This objet is accompanied by the original certificate  
from the gallery Cahn.**

Est.: 600 – 1'200 CHF / Start: 300 CHF



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### **Ancient Egyptian Faience Head Amulet Of A Concubine**

Egyptian, 3rd Intermediate Period 1070-664 B.C. /  
Faience / H = 3 cm ( 1 3/16 inches )

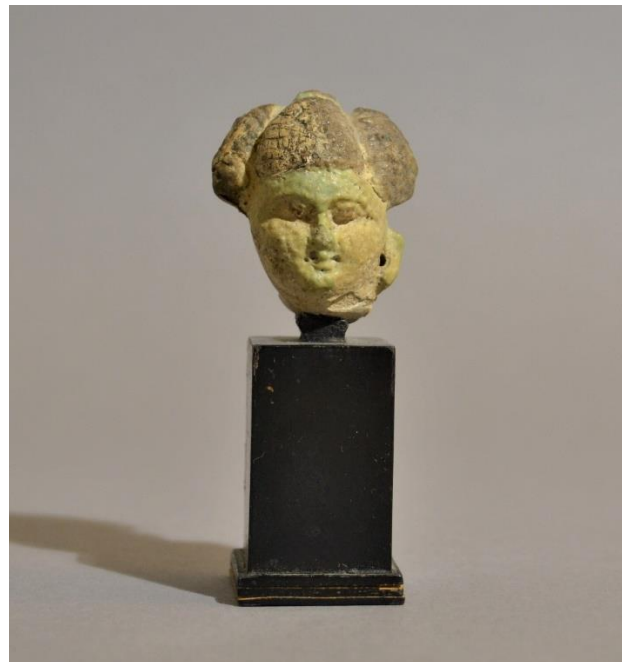
Egyptian faience amulet in the form of a head of a  
concubine.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera, bought 2020  
at the Monegasque art marke.

Before that in French private collection, since ca.  
1970-1980.

Est.: CHF 400 - 800 / Call: CHF 200



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## Ancient Egypt Faience Head Of Bes

Egyptian, 3rd Intermediate Period, 1070-664 B.C. / H  
= 4.3 cm ( 1 11/16 inches )

Head of the Egyptian god of war and protection of the birth Bes.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera, purchased from  
Jean-David Cahn Basel. Formerly Herbert A.  
Cahn, Basel since the 1990s.

**This objet is accompanied by the original certificate  
from the gallery Cahn.**

Est.: 200 - 300 CHF / Start: 100 CHF



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## Ancient Egypt Faience Harpokrates Amulet

Egyptian, 3rd Intermediate Period, 1070-664 B.C. / H  
= 3.5 cm ( 1 3/8 inches )

Egyptian faience amulet of seated Harpokrates.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased in 2021 from Jean-David Cahn.

Before that in the private collection of Carl Leonhard  
Burckhardt (1902-1965).

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Est.: 200 - 300 CHF / Start: No reserve



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### **Denarius ANTONINVS PIVS AVG**

Roman Empire, 188/217 A.D. / silver / D = 2 cm  
( 55/64 inches )

Roman silver denarius of emperor Antoninus Pius.  
RV : VICT PART MAX  
Catalogue references:  
RIC 144b

Provenance:  
Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.  
Before that in French private collection.

Est.: 100 – 200 CHF / Start: No reserve



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### **Ancient Egyptian Bronze Statuette Of Osiris**

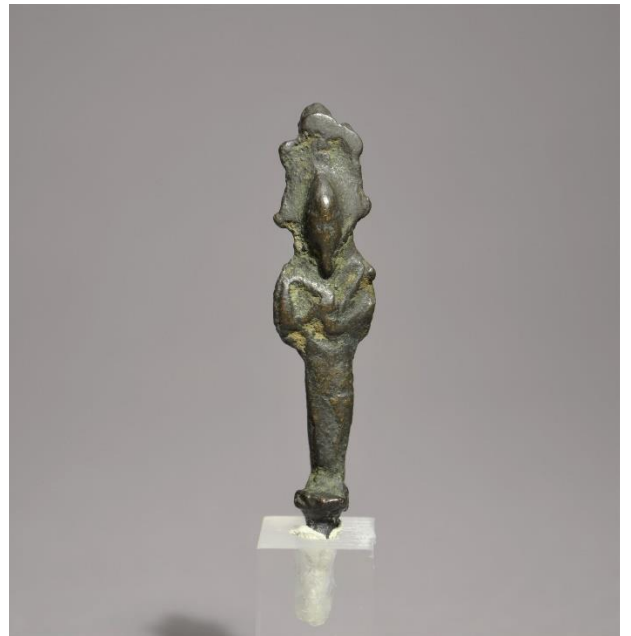
Egypt, Late Period 664 – 330 B.C. / bronze / H = 6.3 cm  
( 2 31/64 inches )

Egyptian bronze Osiris statuette on stand.

Provenance:  
Swiss private collection Bonsera.  
Purchased in 2021 from Jean-David Cahn.  
Before that in the collection of John Woodman Higgins, Founder Higgins Armory Museum in Worchester Massachusetts.  
Before that in the private collection of Joseph M. Sayer, Kairo, July 20, 1936.

**This object is accompanied by the original certificate from the gallery Cahn.**

Est.: 200 - 400 CHF / Start: No reserve



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### **Ancient Egyptian Bronze Statuette Of Harpokrates**

Egyptian, Ptolemaic : 332 - 30 B.C. / bronze / H = 8 cm ( 3 1/4 inches)

Egyptian bronze statuette of Harpokrates. In very good condition.

Provenance:

Old French private collection of M. L. since the 1980's.  
Purchased on the Monegasque art market.

Est.: 600 – 800 CHF / Start: 300 CHF



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### **Ancient Hellenistic Fantastic Bronze Statuette Of The Sphinx**

Hellenistic, 1st century B.C. – 2nd century A.D. / bronze / L = 6.4 cm ( 2 33/64 inches )

Fantastic bronze statuette of the Sphinx. Inlaid eyes missing. Only one foot missing at the right rear leg otherwise intact. Multicolored patina in red, green, black brown and bronze.

See the identical on display at the Metropolitan Museum in NY, with all 4 legs missing and the same multicolored patina:

[Bronze statuette of a sphinx | Greek or Roman | Late Hellenistic or Imperial | The Metropolitan Museum of Art \(metmuseum.org\)](#)

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.  
Purchased on the Swiss art market in Bern.

Est.: 6'000 – 8'000 CHF / Start: 3'000 CHF



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## Heavy Ancient Egyptian Alabastron

Egyptian, 1st – 3rd Century A.D. / Alabaster / H = 11 cm (4 3/8 inches)

Egyptian alabaster vessel on customised metall stand.  
In very good condition.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased in 2021 from Jean-David Cahn.

Before that in the private collection of Carl Leonhard Burckhardt.

**This object is accompanied by the original certificate from the gallery Cahn.**

Est.: 600 – 800 CHF / Start: 300 CHF



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## Ancient Roman Bronze Enamelled Fibula

Roman, 1st – 3rd century B.C. / bronze, enamel / D = 3 cm ( 3 3/16 inches )

Roman bronze fibula with star shaped enamel inlays.  
Damage at the closure.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection R. Bonsera, Basel.

Purchased on the Swiss art market Basel in ca. 2010.

Est.: 100 - 200 CHF / Start: No reserve





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## **Ancient Roman Marble Relief Of An Eagle**

Roman Empire, 1st – 3rd A.D. / marble / H = 15 cm ( 5 29/32 inches )

Roman marble relief of an eagle with open wings in a frame.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased in 2014 from the collection of M.T., Basel-Landschaft.

Before that in Swiss private collection of M.T.

Est.: 1'000 – 2'000 CHF / Start: 500 CHF



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## **Ancient Gallo-Roman Bronze Key Knob With Horse Protome**

Roman Empire, 1nd - 3rd century A.D. / bronze / H = 5 cm ( 2 inches )

Roman bronze key knob with horse protome. With a beautiful and very rare river patina.

In great condition. The iron key is corroded away.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection, Basel-Landschaft.

Purchased before 2010 at the Swiss art market Basel.

Before that in German private collection since the 1950's.

Est.: 4'000 – 6'000 CHF / Start: 2'000 CHF





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### **Roman Navigius Beaker With Inscription : EX.OFICI, ΙΛΖΙΛ(ΞΙ)?**

Roman Empire, North Africa, 270 - 320 A.D. / terra-sigillata / H = 16.1 cm (6 3/8 inches)

Roman Navigius Beaker with inscription from the maker : EX.OFICI, ΙΛΖΙΛ(ΞΙ)? Very nice condition.

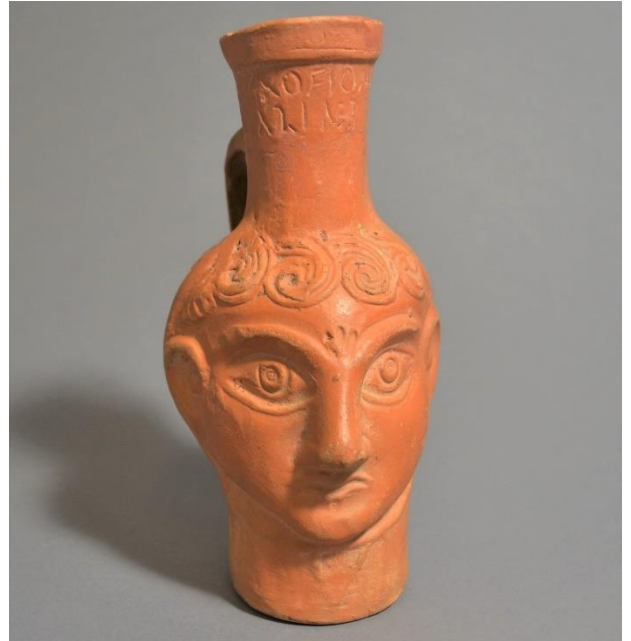
Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased at the Swiss art market Basel in 2019.

Before that in Swiss private collection.

Est.: 2'000 – 3'000 CHF / Start: 1'000 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman Ceramic Bottle In The Shape Of A Nubian**

Roman Empire ; North Africa, 3.-4. century A.D. / clay / H = 11 cm (4 11/32 inches)

Roman ceramic bottle in the shape of a nubian. Very good condition.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased from the Chait Gallery in LA, USA in 2019.

Before that once at Royal Athena Gallery New-York.

Est.: 2'000 – 3'000 CHF / Start: 1'000 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman Basalt Medusa Head Fragment Of A Colossal Athena Statuette**

Roman Empire, 1st – 3rd Century A.D. / Basalt / H = 15 cm (6 inches)

Roman basalt head of Medusa from the shield boss of a colossal statuette of Athena. Fragment.

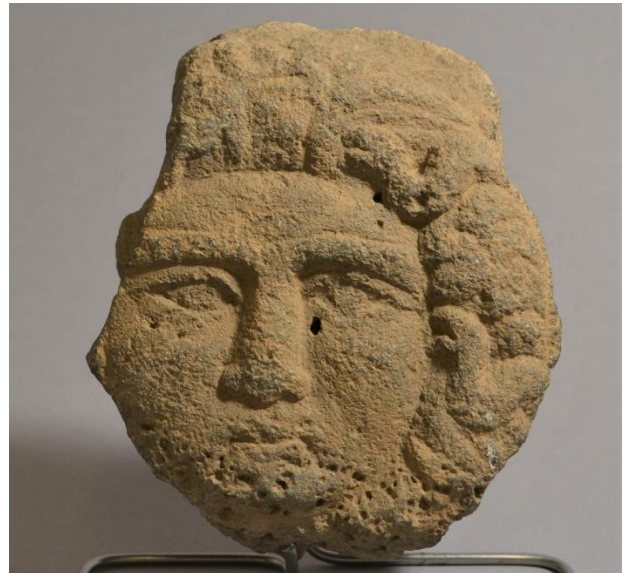
Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel.

Purchased from the French art market.

Before that in French private collectio C.F., Paris.

Est.: 1'500 – 2'500 CHF / Start: 800 CHF



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### **Ancient Roman Bronze Cicada Fibula**

Roman Empire, Balkans, 1st – 2nd century A.D. / bronze / L = 5 cm ( 2 inches )

Roman bronze cicada fibula with dots on the wings. Pin missing.

Provenance :

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft since the 2010.

Before that in German private collection.

Est.: 100 – 200 CHF / Start : No reserve



53

### **Ancient Egyptian Silver Harpokrates Amulet**

Egyptian, 1st – 3rd Century A.D. / silver / H = 3 cm (1 3/16 inches)

Egyptian silver amulet of Harpokrates with crown and animals. Break in the middle.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection, Bonsera.

Purchased on the Munich art market, in Germany since the early 1980s.

Est.: 200 – 300 CHF / Start: 100 CHF



54

### **Ancient Greek Aryballos In The Shape Of A Ram**

Magna Graecia, 5. century B.C. / terracotta / L = 11.3 cm (4 7/16 inches)

Greek terracotta aryballos in the shape of a ram. Repaired from fragments, complete.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased at the Swiss art market Zürich in 2020.

Before that in Swiss private collection.

Est.: 600 – 900 CHF / Start: 300 CHF



55

### **Ancient Greek Drunken Silen On Ram**

Magna Graeca, Canosa, 4th - 3rd century B.C. /  
terracotta / H = 12.4 cm ( 4 7/8 inches )

South Italian figure of a silen with cornucopia in his right hand, riding on the back of a ram. Intact with remains of blue and red paint.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera, Basel, purchased 2019 at Galerie Moenius, Bern. Previously in Swiss private collection Zurich, purchased at Fortuna Galerie für alte Kunst in Zurich.

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**This lot is accompanied by the copy of the catalog page from the Fortuna Gallery.**

Est.: 1'000 - 1'500 CHF / Start: 500 CHF



56

### **Ancient Greek Tarantine Terracotta Symposiast**

Magna Graecia, 350-300 B.C. / Red-Figure Ceramic /  
H = 20 cm (7 7/8 inches)

Greek tarantine terracotta symposiast. Fragment.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.  
Purchased in 2020 from Jean-David Cahn, Basel.  
Before that in the Swiss private collection of the publisher Max Hagemann, Basel vor 1964.  
**This object is accompanied by the original certificate from the Galerie Cahn.**

Est.: 2'000 – 4'000 CHF / Start: 1'000 CHF





57

### **Ancient Etrusco-Corinthian Olpe With Beautiful Animals**

Etruscan, 580 – 560 B.C. / painted ceramic / H = 31.5 cm ( 12 13/32 inches )

Etruscan corinthianising olpe with beautiful animals. Three fragments reattached at the edge. Painting worn.

Provenance :

Swiss private collection K.A. Riehen.

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Est.: 2'000 – 3'500 CHF / 1'000 CHF



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### **Ancient Apulian Oinochoe From The Xenon Group**

Apulian, 4th – 3rd century B.C. / ceramic / H = 6 cm ( 2 23/64 inches )

Oinochoe from the Xenon group with nice floral decor. In perfect condition.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.

Purchased on the French art market.

Est.: 300 – 400 CHF / Start: 120 CHF



59

### **Ancient Apulian Gnathia Ware Epichysis**

Apulian, 4th – 3rd century B.C. / ceramic / H = 12.5 cm  
( 4 59/64 inches )

Apulian Gnathia ware epichysis with very nice floral painting and two heads at the spout.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.  
Purchased on the French art market.

Est.: 600 – 1'000 CHF / Start: 300 CHF



60

### **Ancient Apulian Olpe**

Apulia, 330-300 B.C. / Black Glazed Ceramic / H = 12 cm ( 4 3/4 inches )

Apulian black glazed ceramic olpe. Intact, slightly worn.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.  
Before that in Swiss private collection, of Carlo Righetti, Bern.

Est.: 300 – 500 CHF / Start: 160 CHF





61

### **Ancient Attic Ceramic Plate With Stamp Decoration**

Athens, 400-375 B.C. / Black Glazed Ceramic / D = 12.5 cm (4 59/64 inches)

Teano-Ware cup with beautiful glaze and stamped decoration. Intact with small chipping of the glaze.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased 2020 from Jean-David Cahn, Basel.

Before that in private collection, W. Levy (1916-2006).

Est.: 400 – 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF



62

### **Ancient Apulian Ceramic Kantharos**

Apulian, 3rd-2nd century B.C. / black varnish pottery / H = 12.4 cm ( 4 59/64 inches)

Apulian black varnish ceramic cantharos. Intact, Varnish rubbed off in places.

Provenance: Swiss private collection Basel, purchased at the Munich art market, since 2015 in Germany.

Est.: 400 - 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF



63

### **Ancient Teano-Ware Cup**

Magna Graecia, 330-300 B.C. / Black Glazed Ceramic  
/ D = 7.4 cm ( 3 inches )

Teano-Ware cup with beautiful glaze and stamped decoration. Intact with small chipping of the glaze.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Tritten, Binningen.

Purchased before 2012 at the swiss art market Basel.

Before that in Swiss private collection, Basel Area.

Est.: 400 – 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF



64

### **Ancient Apulian Handled Dish**

Magna Graecia, 350-300 B.C. / red-figure ceramic / W  
= 37.5 cm ; H = 12.5 cm ( 14 3/4 ; 5 inches )

Apulian handled dish with red figure painting. Small fragment at the rim restored.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased in 2019 from the art market Basel.

Before that in the collection of Herbert A. Cahn (1915-2002), Münzen und Medaillen AG, Basel.

Before that in private collection of Hans Kürsteiner, Zug 1950-60's.

Est.: 3'000 – 5'000 CHF / Start: 1'200 CHF



65

### **Ancient Attic Black Ground Lekythos**

Athens, 5th century B.C. / ceramic / H = 18 cm ( 7 3/32 inches )

Attic black-ground lekythos with palmette frieze on white ground on the shoulder. Base and Handle added.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.

Before that in the Swiss private collection of Claudio Righetti, Bern. Collected between 1950 – 1990.

Est.: 1'200 – 2'000 CHF / Start: 600CHF



66

### **Ancient Attic Deianeira Lekythos**

Athens, 4th - 3rd century B.C. / black-figure pottery / H = 12.6 cm ( 5 inches )

Attic belly lekythos of the Deianeira type with satyr and menade in typical interaction. Intact, minor chipping at foot and mouth.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera, purchased in 2020 from Jean-David Cahn Basel.

Before that in the collection of Prof. Hans Dahn (1919-2019) Lausanne, purchased 1956.

Est.: 800 - 1'000 CHF / Start: 400 CHF



67

### **Ancient Euboean Ceramic Shoulder Lekythos With MERMAID**

Euboia, around 550 B.C. / black-figure ceramic / H = 19.1 cm (7 1/2 inches)

Shoulder lekythos the dolphin group. Handle reattached, otherwise intact.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.

Before that in Swiss private collection Zürich.

Purchased in Athens 18.05.1982 at P. Vitalis and E. Kazarossian.

**This object is accompanied by the original certificate from the Gallery P. Vitalis and Kazarossian.**

Est.: 3'000 – 4'000 CHF / Start: 1'500 CHF



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### **Ancient Attic Black-Figure Oinochoe With Dionysos**

Athens, around 550 B.C. / black-figure ceramic / H = 13 cm (5 1/8 inches)

Attic black-figure trefoil oinochoe with Dionysos. Intact.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Before that in Swiss private collection G.P. Lausanne since 1958.

**This object is accompanied by the original certificate from the Gallery Cahn.**

Est.: 2'000 – 4'000 CHF / Start: 1'000 CHF



69

### **Ancient Tarsos Stater**

Cilicia, 425-400 B.C. / silver / D = 1.5 cm

Stater from Tarsos with archer.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel

Purchased in ca. 2010 at a collector's fair in Basel.

Est.: 100 - 200 CHF / Start : No reserve



70

### **Ancient Celtic Bronze Figural Pen Needle**

Celtic, 2nd – 1st century B.C. / bronze / H = 12.9 cm (5 inches)

Celtic bronze pen needle with head shaped finial and bronze ring through the shaft. Intact, with beautiful red cuprite patina.

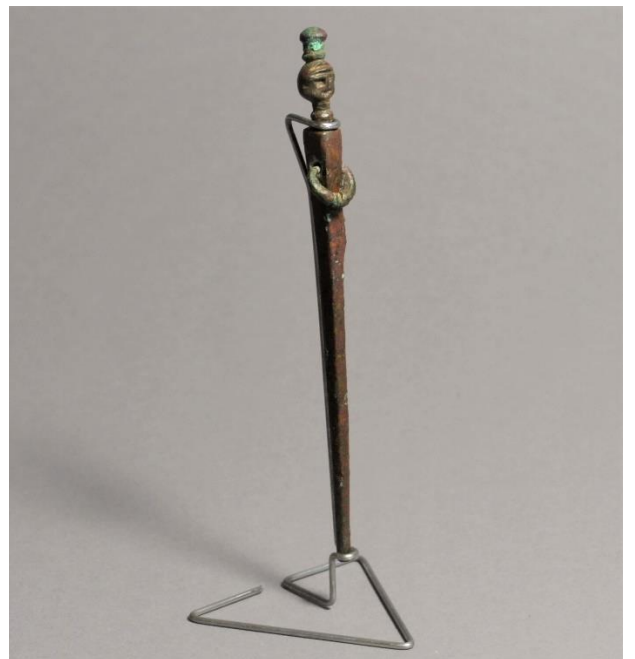
Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.

Purchased in 2021 on the UK art market.

Before that in UK private collection, Derby.

Est.: 400 – 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF





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### **Ancient Celtic Bronze Figure Applique**

Celtic, 2nd – 1st Century B.C. / Bronze / L = 10 cm (4 inches)

Celtic bronze fitting or mechanical part with a lion and another animal. Intact, corrosion residues.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel.

Before that in Swiss private collection Romandie Switzerland, 2014.

Before that in French private collection.

Est.: 800 – 1'200 CHF / Start: 400 CHF



72

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Lunula Applique**

Roman Empire, 1st – 3rd century A.D. / bronze / L = 19. cm ( 3/4 inch )

Roman bronze lunula applique. Intact.

Provenance :

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.

Est.: 100 – 200 CHF / Start : No reserve





73

### **Ancient Roman Nobbed Oil Lamp**

Roman Empire, 1st – 4th century A.D. / terracotta / L = 7.5 cm ( 2 61/64 inches )

Roman oil lamp with nobbs. Intact, worn.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel-Landschaft.

Purchased on the French art market.

Est.: 50 – 100 CHF / Start: No reserve



74

### **Ancient Byzantine belt buckle with a mythical creature and crucifix**

Byzantine, Italy, 6th cent. n. C. / bronze / L = 7.2 cm ( 2 53/64 inches )

Belt buckle with beautiful mythical animal.  
Hinge loop restored and damaged, the hinge pin is new.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera,

Basel. Previously Swiss private collection

Romandie, purchased ca. 2016 at a numismatic numismatic bourse in Martigny.

Est.: 400 - 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF



75

### **Anglo-Saxon Dragon Fibula**

Anglo-Saxon, 6th century AD. / bronze / H = 13 cm ( 5 1-8 inches )

Anglo-Saxon animal brooch in the shape of a dragon-like creature. Closure missing.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel,  
bought 26.06.2019. on the swiss art market  
Basel. Previously German private collection K. S.  
Cologne.

Est.: 800 - 1'000 CHF / Start: 400 CHF



76

### **Ancient Figural Decorated Pin With Grimace**

Eastern Europe?, migration periode? / bronze / D = 2.8 cm / L = 4.2 cm (

Device or wagon pin with grimace face on knob and hole at end. Intact, slightly deformed.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection M. Tritten, Binningen, since  
2010.

Est.: 300 – 500 CHF / Start: 100 CHF



77

### **Ancient Carolingian Frankish Belt Tongue**

Frankish, 8th century AD / bronze / L = 8 cm ( 3 5/32 inches )

Carolingian Frankish belt tongue with two half-plastic animals and hypnotic decoration.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection, Basel. Purchased ca. 2014-2015 at the Berna Fair.

Est.: 600 - 800 CHF / Start: 300 CHF



78

### **Ancient Borre Viking Disc Brooch**

Scandinavia, Denmark, 7th century AD / bronze / D = 3 cm ( 1 3/16 inches )

Very rare disc brooch in the Borre style. Clasp damaged. Very beautiful patina.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased ca. 2010 at the Basel art market.

Est.: 1'600 - 1'800 CHF / Start: 600 CHF



79

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Double Phallus Amulet**

Roman, 2nd-3rd century AD / bronze / L = 3.5 cm ( 1 3/8 inches )

Charming figure of Eros of very good quality. Both feet and the end of the walking stick are missing.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Basel, purchased on the French art market, Paris.

Est.: 200 - 300 CHF / Start: No reserve



80

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Bird**

Roman Empire, 1st century B.C. – 1st century A.D. / bronze / H = 2.3 cm ( 29/32 inches )

Roman bronze Bird. In good condition.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection F. B. Münchenstein.  
Before that in private collection, Basel.

Est.: 200 – 300 CHF / Start: No reserve



81

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Signet Ring**

Roman, 1st-2nd century A.D. / bronze, enamel / D = 2 cm ( 25/32 inches )

Signet ring with goblet, two horses and initials. Very good condition.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection R. Bonsera, Basel.

Purchased ca. 2012 At the Swiss art market, Basel.

Before that in German private collection, Rhine-Main area.

Est.: 400 - 500 CHF / Start: 200 CHF



82

### **Ancient Roman Glass Bangle**

Roman, 1st-3rd AD / glass / D = 7 cm ( 2 3/4 inches )

Roman bangle of twisted glass with flat moulded area. Intact, slightly iridescent.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera, purchased in 2020 from Jean-David Cahn in Basel.

Est.: 400 - 600 CHF / Start: 200 CHF





83

### **Ancient Glazed Lamp**

Levant, 3rd-1st century B.C. / clay, glazed / L = 8 cm ( 3 5/32 inches )

Glazed oil lamp of type Kennedy 26. Intact with slight encrustations.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera, purchased from Jean-David Cahn Basel. Formerly Herbert A. Cahn, Basel since the 1990s.

Est.: 200 - 400 CHF / Start: 100 CHF



84

### **Bronze Age Novo-Selo-Karna Culture Vessel**

Novo-Selo-Karna-Culture, Late Bronze Age : late 2nd Millenium B.C. / Clay / W = 20.5 cm (7 13/16 inches)

Late bronze age double handled vessel from the Novo-Selo-Karna culture. Very small chip reattached.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.  
Purchased in 2021 on the German art market, Munich.  
Before that in German private collection, bought in the Balkans between 1920 and 1955.  
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Est.: 2'000 – 3'000 CHF / Start: 1'000 CHF





85

### **Ancient Gallo-Roman Bronze Statuette Of A River God, Rhenus?**

Roman Empire, 1st Century A.D. / Bronze / L = 4.1 cm  
(1 39/64 inches)

Gallo-Roman bronze statuette of a river god. Possibly Rhenus. Intact with black and green patina.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection Bonsera.

Purchased from Petermännchen Konz, Germany in around 2011.

Before that in German private collectio Saarland.

Est.: 3'000 – 4'000 CHF / Start: 1'500 CHF



86

### **Ancient Roman Bronze Fibula**

Roman Empire, 1st Century A.D. / bronze / D = 3.2 cm  
(1 17/64 inches)

Roman bronze fibula. Pin and enamel missing.

Provenance:

Swiss private collection R. Bonsera, Basel.

Purchased on the art market Basel in ca 2012.

Before that in German private collection.

Est.: 50 – 100 CHF / Start: No reserve

