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Greek Bronze Corinthian Helmet



An ancient Greek bronze helmet of the Corinthian type, of upright bell-shaped form with almond shaped eye holes and perforated border, with extensive battle damage including losses of the nose guard and cheek pieces and dented forehead.

Ca. 650 - 600 BC.
Height: (9 in.) 22.5 cm.

The Corinthian helmet was first developed in the Peloponnese in the early 7th century BC. Its closed form, shielding the face of the soldier, was preferred by generations of hoplites in their distinctive phalanx combat. The early examples are austere and upright. Later examples have extended cheek pieces, carinated upper sections, and finely worked borders. The Corinthian helmet fell out of use in the later 5th century BC.

cf.: for similar upright early Corinthian helmets with parallel sides, R. Hixenbaugh and A. Valdman, Ancient Greek Helmets: a Complete Guide and Catalog, 2019, cat. nos. C54 -C128.

Formerly in the Kuizenga collection, The Netherlands, acquired in Germany in 1994.

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