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Roman Bronze Minerva

An ancient Roman large bronze statuette of Minerva (Athena), the goddess standing wearing an aegis with gorgoneion and serpents over a long peplos and aegis, her Corinthian helmet surmounted by a winged sphinx pushed back on her head, a long tress of hair down her back.

Ca. 1st - 2nd century AD.
Height: 8 1/4 in. (21 cm.)

Minerva (Greek: Athena) was part of the Roman Capitoline Triad of Jupiter, Juno, and Minerva. She was the daughter of Jupiter. Her sphere included not only wisdom, technology, and domestic crafts; but also war and defense.

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Formerly in an English private collection; with Royal-Athena Galleries, 1989; subsequently in an American private collection.

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