

Head of a statuette of a queen or goddess

On display

Title/Description: Head of a statuette of a queen or goddess

Born: 0650 c.

Object Type: Figure

Materials: Lapis Lazuli (?)

Measurements: h. 22 x w. 14 x d. 15 mm

Accession Number: 560

Historic Period: Late Period (c. 650 BC), 7th century BC

Production Place: Africa, Egypt

Credit Line: Purchased with support from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1974

The goddess or queen wears a striated tripartite wig surmounted by a rectangular spike for the reception of a crown or emblem. The style of portraiture, though on a minute scale, with the wide open eyes and form of the ear lobes (which are fleshy and triangular) appears to be more typical of Dynasty xxvi than of the Ptolemaic Period.

Entry taken from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection 3 volume catalogue, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997).

Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Peter Sharrer in 1974 out of funds provided by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury.