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Antique Lotus-Bud Moulding Plaster Cast

£80

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Height: 28 cm (11")

Width: 20 cm (7.9")

Depth: 4 cm (1.6")

Description

A finely detailed plaster cast of an antique lotus-bud moulding, faithfully reproducing a decorative architectural or sculptural element from the ancient world. The repeated swelling buds, arranged in an ordered rhythm, form a sculptural band of remarkable elegance, combining stylised natural forms with the clarity and balance of classical ornament.

The lotus motif has appeared in decorative art for millennia and was especially admired in the architecture of the ancient Mediterranean. Its association with regeneration, beauty, and the natural world made it an enduring source of inspiration, while its rhythmic form lent itself perfectly to friezes, cornices, mouldings, and other architectural details. This cast preserves the texture, relief, and carefully modelled contours of the original, allowing its design to be appreciated at close range.

Plaster casts have long been valued as tools for study, teaching, and display. Made by taking a careful mould from an original carving, they record its three-dimensional surface in precise detail while helping to protect the source object from unnecessary handling. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, casts of important works of antiquity became central to art academies, museums, and private collections, bringing the forms and decorative language of the ancient world into new settings.

Presented today as a sculptural object in its own right, this lotus-bud moulding cast would make a striking addition to an interior, library, study, artist's workspace, or collection of classical fragments. Its tactile surface and ordered decoration offer a direct connection to the enduring beauty of antique ornament.

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