Daniel Katz Gallery

ANTIQUITY TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY



Roman 2nd century AD

Infant Bacchus steelyard weight

7 cm (20 cm with porphyry base)

A delightful imperial sculpture but with a utilitarian function. Cast in bronze with beautiful detail and finished with silvered eyes, this object was employed as a steelyard weight used to measure units. It is filled with lead, and although small weighs 50 Roman pounds, about 16kg.

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Fernand Lafarge Collection, Paris, until 2019