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## FEMALE MINGQI SPIRIT ATTENDANT

**\$480**

Tang dynasty, China • China • Materials, Ceramic • Collection #CESB046

W: 3.0" D: 2.75" H: 9.75"

Molded of earthenware, this petite sculpture is a type of centuries-old burial figurine known as míngqì. Such model figures were placed in tombs of individuals with high status to ensure a safe journey to the afterlife. Meant to depict the pleasures of daily life, common burial figures were warriors, dancers, male and female figures and animals. This míngqì is of a court lady wearing a flowing robe and her hair in a high bun, one of the typical hairstyles popular during the Tang dynasty. Continued...



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The sculpture is coated with a pale glaze and has now weathered from age, revealing the original ceramic form.



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