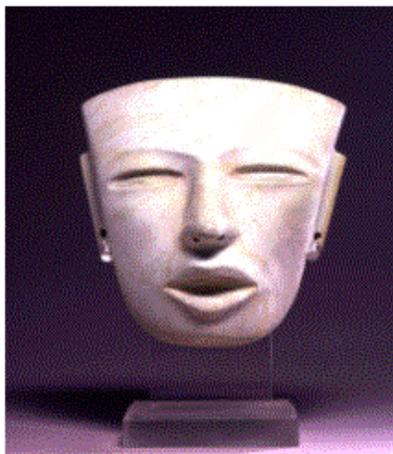


THE HUMAN FACE OF PRE-COLUMBIAN ART

— Including objects from the Collection of Dr. Eli B. and Aimee Cohen —

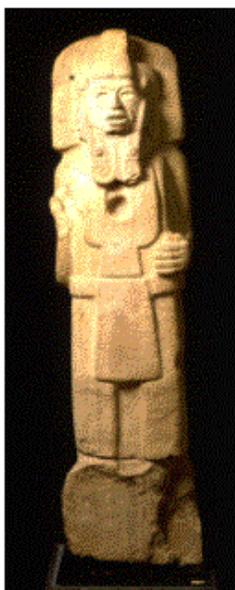
To Be Sold November 20, 2000 at Sotheby's New York



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New York, NY – The legacy of diverse Pre-Columbian cultures comes alive in works of silver and gold, jade and stone, polychromed ceramics and vivid textiles. The November 20th sale at Sotheby's contains a stunning array of styles, colors, forms and materials from the cultures of Central and South America and the Caribbean, including the Olmec, Toltec, Maya, Inca, and Taino peoples. The West Mexican collection of Dr. Eli B. Cohen and Aimee Cohen of California is a particular highlight of the sale. Compared with other highly stylized Pre-Columbian examples, the West Mexican objects that the Cohens collected are unique for their realistic depictions of the human form, created with such accuracy that Dr. Cohen found them compelling as anthropological evidence of medical pathology in the culture. The well-provenanced Cohen collection was widely exhibited and should draw significant interest from scholars and collectors.



The mutable human figure, from realistic to abstract, appears in many different guises and forms in these magnificent pre-Columbian works. The rounded, stylized form of a Jalisco Female Figure, El Arenal Style, Protoclassic, ca. 100

B.C.-A.D. (est. \$50/70,000) belongs to a type of sculpture from Western Mexico that influenced modern artists such as Diego Rivera and Henry Moore. In other examples, the figure becomes integrated in a more contained format, which can be seen at left in a Large Huastec Limestone Figure, Late Postclassic, ca. A.D. 1200 –1500 (est. \$60/90,000).



This month's sale is strong in many areas, offering a breadth of available lots, many at highly attractive prices. The various-owner sale is fully described in a combined catalogue with works of African and Oceanic art. The Pre-Columbian lots will be on view at Sotheby's New York, 5th Floor, from November 16th to the 19th, prior to the November 20th afternoon auction

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