

17th century carved stone frieze fragment

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Height: 46 cm (18.1")

Width: 50 cm (19.7")

Depth: 17 cm (6.7")

Description

A wonderful 17th century carved stone frieze fragment with a Neoclassical design.

Stone friezes are horizontal sculpted bands carved into buildings, temples, and monuments. They often run along walls, entablatures, or façades, telling stories through relief imagery. Ancient civilisations such as the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans used stone friezes to depict myths, rituals, battles, and daily life.

Carved in limestone, marble, or sandstone, these works balanced decoration with meaning. Light and shadow animate their shallow reliefs, enhancing depth and movement. Stone friezes also conveyed power, memory, and belief, preserving cultural narratives in durable material that still communicates across centuries.

Today they inspire architects, artists, and historians worldwide through study, conservation, and reinterpretation.