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BLACK BROWN LACQUER OVER DARK BROWN NATURAL PATINA
LATE 16TH – EARLY 17TH CENTURY
SIZES: A: 15.5CM WIDE, 9CM DEEP, 4CM HIGH – 6 INS WIDE, 3½ INS DEEP, 1½ INS HIGH
B: 9CM WIDE, 6.5CM DEEP, 2.5CM HIGH – 3½ INS WIDE, 2½ INS DEEP, 1 INS HIGH

LITERATURE

THESE TWO BRONZE MODELS OF CRABS WERE CAST FROM NATURE AND WERE MADE IN IMITATION OF EARLIER ANTIQUITIES. THE DETAILS OF THE CLAWS AND SHELL ARE FAITHFULLY RENDERED TO REPLICATE A LIVE CRAB JUST PLUCKED FROM THE SEA. THESE MODELS WERE VERY POPULAR OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE ASTROLOGICAL SIGN OF CANCER.