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ANTIQUES / FINE ART



Nereid with Raised Arms Holding Coral Branches

26 cm

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19th Century

Patinated Bronze

26 x 0 cm (10¹/₄ x 0 inches)

Italy

Patinated bronze, red coral, wood and marble base

In Greek mythology, the Nereids are the 50 daughters of Nereus and Doris. In Plato's Critias, however, the number appears as 100, with the caveat that the number is considered conjectural. They are sea nymphs who protect shipwrecked sailors and entertain them with games. They live in caves at the bottom of the sea and are companions of the god Poseidon.

In many ancient Greek depictions, the Nereids ride on the backs of dolphins or hippocampi.