



Female Dwarf Holding a Staff

Date

ca. 300 BCE-300 CE

Primary Maker

Colima

Medium

pottery and slip paint

Description

This female dwarf figure is an excellent example of the Colima figural ceramic tradition that portrayed the human condition in great detail. She has a prominent nose and lips, but her eyes lack expression. Her ears are pierced with noticeable holes for additional ornaments. Her breasts are barely suggested and she lacks her left hand. A simple red skirt is the only clothing depicted and is typical attire for women in Colima figurines. In West Mexican cultures dwarfs were believed to have shamanic

powers.

Dimensions

Overall: 12 3/8 x 8 5/8 x 6 1/2 in. (31.4 x 21.9 x 16.5 cm)