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Artist:
Title: Votive Statuette of Neith
Geography: Egypt
Period: Late Period
Date: 722-332 BC
Culture: Egyptian
Medium: Bronze
Credit Line: Gift of the Georges Ricard Foundation
Dimensions: 8 1/8 x 1 11/16 x 2 11/16 in., 626 g (20.7 x 4.3 x 6.9 cm, 1 lb. 6 1/16 oz.)
Object number: 2018.010.785

Label Text: The worship of the goddess Neith began as early as the third millennium BC and continued until the end of the pharaonic era. She was a complex deity who was a warrior goddess, a creator goddess, a mother goddess. As a funerary goddess, she is mentioned in the Old Kingdom Pyramid Texts. Neith was also the goddess of Lower Egypt whose principal site of worship was Sais, in the eastern Nile Delta. The goddess wears the Red Crown associated with lower Egypt, and strides forward with her left leg advanced on an integral rectangular plinth. She holds one arm at her side and the other stretched out before her. Each fist is pierced and once carried insignia. She wears an ankle-length dress and a delicately incised broad collar around her neck. The tip of the Red Crown and spiral wire are destroyed.