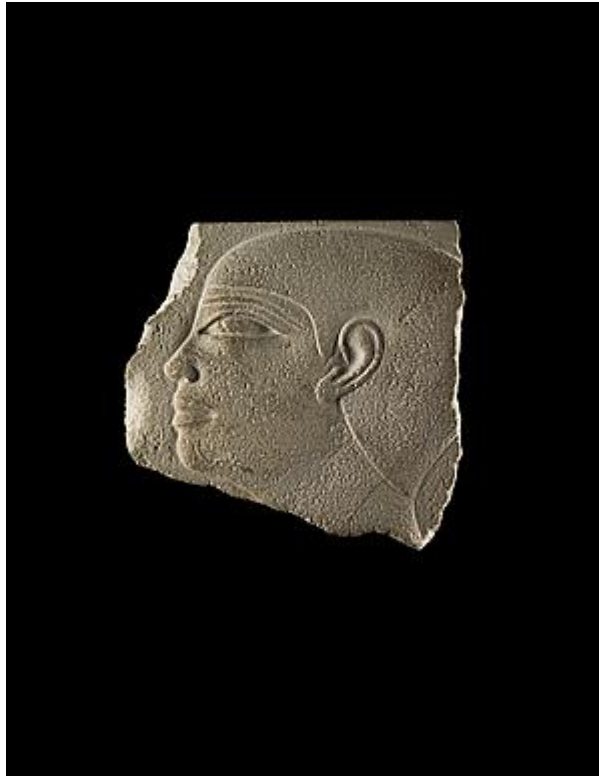


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Relief Fragment

Old Kingdom, 2680-2565 B.C

Egypt

Limestone

H: 7cm x W: 7cm

The Old Kingdom, spanning from c. 2649 to 2130 B.C., marked a highly dynamic phase in Egyptian art history. While many concepts, practices, and monuments originated in earlier periods, it was during this era that they evolved into forms that would shape and influence the subsequent history of ancient Egypt.

This fragmentary limestone relief dates to the rule of the Pharaoh Snefru (2680-2565 BC), who was the first ruler of the Old Kingdom's 4th Dynasty. It is carved with the face of a male figure, with close cropped hair and fine intricate detailing on his deeply lined eye and ear. This fragment comes from a wall relief, likely a tomb or Mastaba.

Exhibitions

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