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Red-figure Lekythos

Greek (Attic), ca. 470-460 B.C.

Terracotta

Height: 35.3cm; 13 7/8 in.



Provenance:

Professor Dr. Dirk Frederik Slothouwer (1884-1946), Delft, the Netherlands; acquired 1920s

Mrs I.M. Sijthoff-Slothouwer, Voorschoten, the Netherlands; by descent from her father, the above

Private collection (1925-2013), London, UK; acquired June 2002, thence by descent
Professor Slothouwer was an architect and latterly a Professor at the University of Delft.
In 1909, aged 25, he won the Prix de Rome which allowed him the funds to begin his collection.

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A. Klasens et al., *Klassieke Kunst in Particulier Bezit - Nederlandse verzamelingen 1575-1975* (Leiden, 1975), no.515

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The lekythos has a tall body with a low foot, narrow neck and funnel mouth. The scene shows a female figure facing Poseidon. She is wearing a chiton and cloak, whilst the bearded god is dressed with his cloak draped around his body and over one shoulder, a fillet in added red around his head. He holds a trident, whilst she extends her hands, proffering a fillet with red tassels. A meander frames the scene above and below, a well-executed design of palmettes and lotuses decorates the sloped shoulder, a band of tongues interspersed by dots around the neck. Upper edge of mouth, outside of pad foot and resting surface reserved and with a red wash. Broken across the top of the neck, cracks at the base of the handle, some minor misfiring.

References:

For the type of drapery compare *Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum, Palermo 1*, pl.20/6 (V.673), for Poseidon see *ibid.*, pl.20/5, (V.671), and for the decoration on the shoulder see *ibid.*, pl.20/4, (V.674)