



2nd Century AD

“Female Statue Restored as Nike”

From Praxitelean original

Italic Marble, Height 1.70m

Uffizi Gallery’s Curator’s Notes

Tradition has it that, "Female Statue Restored as Nike" was one of the precious gifts presented to the earlier grand dukes of the Medici family by Cardinal Pier Donato Cesi (1522-1586), which would place it among the most ancient nucleus of the collection. The workmanship permits to date the statue to the age of Hadrian, and to attribute it to a sculptor that reproduced a much more ancient original after Praxiteles, dating from the second half of the 4th century B.C.

The sculpture has long been in need of a restoration intervention, requiring both the cleaning of the surfaces, with layers of dirt and deposits partly impairing the full legibility (especially in the upper part), and the stabilization of the modern integrations, in particular the raised arm up to the shoulder. The restoration, supplemented by extensive photography, will include petrographic analysis to investigate the possible presence of any ancient polichromy on the marble surface.