

MID-CENTURY ITALIAN GLAZED CERAMIC ELEPHANT SCULPTURE WITH RAISED TRUNK

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This charming mid-century Italian ceramic elephant sculpture, crafted circa 1950–1960, features a lively depiction of the animal with trunk raised in a gesture traditionally associated with good luck and prosperity. Modeled in a naturalistic walking stance, the figure captures expressive movement through the lifted head, open mouth, gently curved ears, and forward-stepping legs, giving the piece wonderful personality and sculptural presence. The sculpture is formed in glazed ceramic with a rich, variegated caramel and chestnut brown finish typical of Italian decorative pottery of the period. The glossy glaze pools beautifully in the recessed details of the skin folds, ears, and trunk, highlighting the textural modeling and enhancing depth. Subtle tonal variations and darker accents throughout the body create dimension and visual interest, while the softly rounded contours reflect the warm, decorative aesthetic associated with mid-century Italian ceramics. The underside reveals hollowed legs consistent with traditional ceramic production techniques. The piece is in excellent vintage condition commensurate with age and use, with minor surface variations inherent to the glazing process. Elegant yet playful, this Italian elephant would make a striking decorative accent on a console, bookshelf, or cocktail table and complements both mid-century and eclectic interiors. Dimensions: 19”W x 6”D x 12.75”H

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