



Statuette of Harpocrates, Standing with Double Crown

Date

Ptolemaic Period (310 BC - 30 BC), Ptolemaic Dynasty

Primary Maker

Egyptian, anonymous

Medium

bronze

Description

This hollow cast, votive statuette depicts the child-god Harpocrates, striding forward, with his left arm held at his side. He wears a kilt, sidelock, and the double crown of upper and lower Egypt. His right forefinger is held to his lips in a gesture meant to signify his youth. The cult of Harpocrates rapidly grew in popularity during the late first millennium BC. This is likely due to close association at that time between Harpocrates and the Egyptian pharaoh, who was commonly considered to be an earthly embodiment of Horus.

Dimensions

Overall: 3 1/16 x 1 1/8 x 1 1/4 in. (7.7 x 2.9 x 3.2 cm) Base: 1 3/4 x 1 15/16 x 2 in. (4.5 x 4.9 x 5.1 cm)