



Statuette of a Falcon, Standing with Double Crown

Date

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

Primary Maker

Egyptian, anonymous

Medium

bronze

Description

This hollow cast, votive statuette depicts a falcon, the sacred animal of Horus. The falcon stands in hieroglyphic form -body upright, legs together. On his head he wears the double crown of Upper and Lower Egypt. The Horus falcon was a traditional symbol of Egyptian kingship.

During the Ptolemaic period, statuettes of this type were most often dedicated at sacred animal necropoleis, such as the one N. Saqqara.

Dimensions

Overall: 4 x 2 15/16 in. (10.2 x 7.5 cm) Base: 1 9/16 x 3 7/16 x 2 in. (3.9 x 8.7 x 5.1 cm)