



Statuette of Harpocrates, Seated with Sidelock

Date

Late Period (c. 664 BC - 310 BC), likely Dynasty 30

Primary Maker

Egyptian, anonymous

Medium

bronze

Description

This hollow cast, votive statuette depicts the nude, child-god Harpocrates, sitting, with his left arm held at his side. He wears a close-fitting cap with uraeus and a large, braided sidelock. 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 the time between Harpocrates and the Egyptian pharaoh, who was commonly considered to be an earthly emodiment of Horus.

Dimensions

Overall: 5 x 1 5/16 in. (12.7 x 3.3 cm)