



Overall: 3 13/16 x 1 7/16 in. (9.7 x 3.6 cm)

Statuette of Harpocrates, Seated with Sidelock

Date

Third Intermediate Period (c. 752 BC - 656 BC), Dynasty 25

Primary Maker

Egyptian, anonymous

Medium

bronze

Description

This hollow cast, votive statuette depicts the child-god Harpocrates, sitting, with his arms held at his sides. He wears a close-fitting cap with uraeus and a large, braided sidelock. The head, torso and legs of this figure were cast separately. 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 embodiment of Horus.

Dimensions