

Magical gem: Sarapis, mummy, animals (A) Harpocrates on lotus (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-1079
ID-Number	US-AA-SCL_Bonner 54
Collection	US_Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, Special Collections Library
Inventory	SCL-Bonner 54
References	Bonner, SMA D. 355; Michel, DMG, no. 45.1.a_6
Former Collections	Bonner, Campbell (1876 Nashville - 1954 Ann Arbor)
Material	haematite (black)
Dating	32 x 18 x 3.5 mm
Iconography	Sarapis; side-lock of youth; flail; plant: lotus buds (4); Harpocrates sitting on lotus flower; object, unidentified; crown, atef; solar disk?; rays (7); snake, human-headed; clothing: mantle; animal: lion; clothing: bandage; mummy; animal: crocodile; scorpion; throne; moon, crescent
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβλαναθαναλβα, palindrome; Ἰάω
Logoi	σθομβαιολη-logos



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A: Sarapis enthroned to left, clad in a mantle, right hand stretched forward. The throne rests on a crocodile, head to left, which is placed over a bandaged mummy wearing the atef and lying on the back of a lion walking to left. Below the hand of Sarapis, a scorpion, above it, an unidentified object (Bonner: incense burner). The scene is encircled by a human-headed serpent crowned with seven rays and the solar disk(?). Inscribed at the top: Ἀβλαναθανιαω and various letters → Ἀβλαναθαν[αλβα], Ἰάω. Almost half of the design broken off and missing.

B: Harpocrates seated to left on a lotus flower with four buds, left hand holding a flail. Above the flail, a crescent. Inscribed around the edge in two lines: [- - -]βαλακαμσθομβληη[- -]ιτωφορου[- -] → part of σθομβαιολη-logos, [δὸς χάρι]ν τῷ φοροῦν[τι]. 'Grant favor to the wearer'.

Bibliography
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