

Magical gem: Isis and Harpocrates (A) Βαῖνχωωωχ (B)

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Inventory	81.6.296
References	Bonner, SMA D. 35; Michel, DMG, no. 30.2.b_3
Former Collections	King, Rev. Charles William Collection
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	19 x 16 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (MM Coll. website)
Iconography	Harpocrates seated with knees drawn up; clothing: garment; pedestal; solar disk; side-lock of youth; flail; crown, double feathers; gesture, protective; gesture, hand raised to mouth; Isis; clothing: veil
Divine Names & Voces	Βαῖνχωωωχ



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A: Harpocrates squatting to left on a low pedestal with cross-hatched decoration, right hand raised to mouth, left hand holding a flail, head crowned with the solar disk, side-lock of youth visible. Behind him, the goddess Isis, kneeling to left, holding the head of Harpocrates with both her hands. Isis is crowned (double feathers?), and clad in a long robe, her veil floating behind her.
B: βαῖνχωωωχ → Βαῖνχωωωχ.
The image shows the impression, reversed in printing.

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-1106](#)

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