

Magical gem: Aphrodite and Nike with dolphin (A) Greek inscription (B)

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ID-Number	GB-AshMus_1892.1587
Collection	GB_Oxford, Ashmolean Museum
Inventory	1892.1587
References	Henig-MacGregor 2004, no. 13.21
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	amethyst (purple)
Dimensions	21 x 17.6 x 9.5 mm
Dating	2nd c. AD (Henig - MacGregor)
Iconography	Aphrodite anadyomene; Nike; animal: lion; animal: dolphin; wreath; gesture, greeting?
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; Σαβαώθ, variants; αβραωθ and variants



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A: Dolphin represented vertically, between Aphrodite anadyomene (on the left) and floating Nike (on the right) with right hand raised (in greeting?), wearing a wreath. A small lion stands to left at the feet of Nike.

B: αβραω and other inscriptions obscured by the metal mount (now removed): σαβαω and ιαω → variant of αβραωθ, Σαβαώ, Ἰάω. Other letters partly obscured by mount.

Bibliography

[Henig - MacGregor 2004](#), 126, no. 13.21

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