

Magical gem: Harpocrates on lotus flower, zodiac cycle (A) Greek inscription (B)

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Collection	DE_Hamburg, Skoluda Collection
Inventory	M050
References	Michel 2001, no. 18; Michel, DMG, no. 19.1.g_3
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	21.1 x 17.9 x 3.6 mm
Dating	2nd-3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	gesture, hand raised to mouth; zodiac cycle; plant: lotus flower; flail; solar disk; snake; Harpocrates seated with knees drawn up; Harpocrates sitting on lotus flower; concentric motifs
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; vocales; σεμσειλαμ and variants



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A: In the center of the zodiac cycle, Harpocrates sitting to left with knees drawn up on a lotus flower. His right hand is raised to his mouth, his left hand holding a flail, head crowned with the solar disk. A snake crawls upwards on the stem of the lotus flower. On the left, from top to bottom: αωσε → vocales. On the right, letters and characteres.

B: Inscription in six lines: ωρειχφυριαμεριμφιαωσεμσειλαμψ → voces including Ἰάω, variant of σεμσειλαμ.

Bibliography

[Michel 2001 on CBd-1610](#)

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