

Magical gem: Harpocrates with animal triads (A) vocales (B)

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Material	haematite (black) Harpocrates seated with knees drawn up; scorpion; snakes (2); animal: crocodile; animal: goats (6); bird: swallows (6); scarabs (3); boat, papyrus; plant: lotus buds (2); Harpocrates sitting on lotus flower; gesture, protective
Iconography	
Divine Names & Voces	vocales, αη ιουω



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A: Harpocrates seated to left with knees drawn up, on a lotus flower with two buds, which is placed on a papyrus boat. Right hand raised to mouth, left hand holding a flail. Around, triads of animals, three scarabs at the top crawling upwards; three-three swallows on the left and right, facing inwards, below them, three-three goats, also facing inwards. At the bottom, from left to right: a scorpion crawling to top, two rearing snakes with 'hands' raised in protection (standing for Isis and Nephthys), a further scorpion probably chipped off on the right, below, a crocodile.

B: Inscribed in two lines: αη|ιουω → The Greek vowel series. Below, a large character? (Schwartz: monogram, possibly later addition).

Bibliography

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