

Magical gem: Harpocrates sitting on lotus flower (A) Greek inscription (B)

Cbd-Number	CBd-2066
ID-Number	DE-Berlin-Aeg_9796
Collection	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum
Inventory	9796
References	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 92; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 19.1.b_16
Former Collections	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection
Material	jasper, red
Dimensions	18.5 x 15 x 5.5 mm
Dating	turn of the 1st c. BC-1st c. AD (H. Philipp)
Iconography	gesture, hand raised to mouth; Harpocrates seated with knees drawn up; Harpocrates sitting on lotus flower; plant: lotus buds (2); solar disk; wreath
Divine Names & Voces	Φρῆ and variants; σεμσειλαμ and variants



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A: Harpocrates sitting nude with knees drawn up, to right, on a lotus flower with two buds. Head topped with the solar disk. Left hand raised to mouth, right hand bent in elbow and holding a lotus stalk. Flanked by laurels on both sides. Inscription on the two sides of the figure: φρη → Φρῆ.
B: Inscription in two lines: σεμσειλαμ → σεμσειλαμ.

Bibliography

[Philipp, *Mira et Magica* on CBd-2066](#)
[Michel, *DMG*, 19.1.b_16.](#)

Images

Cast of CBd-2066 obverse in the [Gem Impressions Collection of Cornell University Library](#)

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