

# Magical gem: Harpocrates on the lotus, Greek inscription (A) Greek inscription (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-2072
<b>ID-Number</b>	DE-Berlin-Aeg_9797
<b>Collection</b>	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	9797
<b>References</b>	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 98; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 19.1.b_33
<b>Former Collections</b>	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection
<b>Material</b>	magnetite (black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	12.5 x 10.5 x 4 mm
<b>Dating</b>	3rd c. AD(?) (H. Philipp)
<b>Iconography</b>	gesture, hand raised to mouth; rays (5); Harpocrates seated with knees drawn up; Harpocrates sitting on lotus flower; flail; plant: lotus buds (2)
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἰάω, variants; Φρῆ and variants; Ἀβραάξ, variants; Ὅσιρις



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A: Harpocrates sitting nude with knees drawn up, to right, on a lotus flower with two buds. Head crowned with rays. Left hand raised to mouth, right hand bent in elbow and holding a flail. Inscription in the free field, continued from side B: λω|λβρλ|σλξ → variant of Ἰάω, variant of Ἀβραάξ.

B: Inscription in three lines: οσιρις|μηνη|φρηι → voces including Ὅσιρις, Φρῆ.

## Bibliography

[Philipp, \*Mira et Magica\* on CBd-2072](#)

[Michel, \*DMG\*, 19.1.b\\_33.](#)

## Images

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