


Magical(?) gem in modern gold mount: Harpocrates in papyrus boat

CBd-Number	CBd-2074	
ID-Number	DE-Berlin-Aeg_9770	
Collection	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum	
Inventory	9770	
References	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 100; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 19.3.d_13; Chifletius-Macarius, no. XIV 59	
Former Collections	Berlin, Antiquarium	
Material	jasper, red	
Dimensions	20 x 16.5 x 4.5 mm	
Dating	1st c. AD (H. Philipp)	
Iconography	Harpocrates sitting on lotus flower; side-lock of youth; crown, double; animal: cynocephalus; gesture, hand raised to mouth; gesture, ithyphallic; flail; moon, crescent; bird: falcon; boat, papyrus; plant: lotus buds (2); rays (5); solar disk; star; Harpocrates seated with knees drawn up; gesture, orant	
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A: Harpocrates sitting nude, to right, on a lotus flower with two buds, which is placed in the middle of a papyrus boat. Head crowned with the solar disk and five rays, side-lock of youth visible. Right hand holding a flail, left hand raised to mouth. On the prow of the boat, an ithyphallic cynocephalus stands with paws raised towards Harpocrates in the gesture of adoration. The baboon is crowned with the solar disk. On the stern, the Horus falcon, crowned with the double crown of Egypt. Above, to the left of Harpocrates, an eight-pointed star; to the right, a crescent, open to top.
B: Plain.

The gem may have been designed after a drawing in [Chifletius-Macarius, Abrasax](#), see [CBd-2766](#).

Bibliography

[Philipp, *Mira et Magica* on CBd-2074](#)
[Michel, *DMG*, 19.3.d_13.](#)