


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

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-2074
<b>ID-Number</b>	DE-Berlin-Aeg_9770
<b>Collection</b>	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	9770
<b>References</b>	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 100; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 19.3.d_13; Chifletius-Macarius, no. XIV 59
<b>Former Collections</b>	Berlin, Antiquarium
<b>Material</b>	jasper, red
<b>Dimensions</b>	20 x 16.5 x 4.5 mm
<b>Dating</b>	1st c. AD (H. Philipp)
<b>Iconography</b>	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](#)

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