

Magical gem: Harpocrates sitting on lotus flower

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Former Collections	Mezzacappa, Damon (1936-2015) New York; Kagan, Jonathan H. (New York)
Material	jasper, green and red
Dimensions	14 x 11 mm
Iconography	gesture, hand raised to mouth; Harpocrates seated with knees drawn up; Harpocrates sitting on lotus flower; plant: lotus buds (2); star; cornucopia?
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified



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Description: Upright oval, both faces flat. Only side B and C are engraved. Shape 9. Mottled green jasper with iron adhering. Chipped at the lower left edge.

A: Plain.

B: Harpocrates sitting nude with knees drawn up to left, on a lotus flower with two buds. Right hand raised to mouth, left hand bent in elbow and holding a cornucopia (?). Beside the god, an eight-pointed star.

C: Greek inscription around the edge: αθυλιυλιθι (?) → unidentified vox.

Bibliography

[Michel, DMG](#), 269, 19.1.a_19.

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