

Magical gem in a modern gold mount: Psyche and Eros (A) Greek inscription (B)

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Collection	AT_Wien, Kunsthistorisches Museum
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References	Zwierlein-Diehl, AGWien III, 2211; Michel, DMG, no. 15.2.c_2
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	14.3 x 12.3 x 2.9 mm
Dating	1st-2nd c. AD (Zwierlein-Diehl)
Iconography	clothing: mantle; Eros and Psyche; gesture, kneeling
Divine Names & Voces	νιχαρωπληξ and variants



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Description: Upright oval, flat. Shape probably 8-9. Haematite. Side B abraded, set in a modern gold mount with revolving bezel (1808). Already at the Museum in 1806.

A: Psyche stranding to right, her head turned back to the left. The goddess wears a mantle, her hands are shown in a gesture of rejection. To the right, kneeling, nude Eros, facing Psyche and raising his hands in a gesture of begging.

B: Greek inscription in five lines: νικα|[.]οπλ|ηξδι|καιω|σ → variant of νιχαρωπληξ, δικαίως. 'Justly.'

Bibliography

[Zwierlein-Diehl, AGWien III on CBd-2455](#)

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