

Magical gem: Aphrodite and youth (A) χυχαχυχ (B)

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Collection	US Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology
Inventory	26086
References	Bonner, SMA D. 158; Michel, DMG, no. 4.2.b_1
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	24 x 21 x 3 mm
Iconography	Aphrodite; plant: branches; bird: pheasant?; clothing: mantle; object, unidentified; figure, male
Divine Names & Voces	χυχαχυχ



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A: On the left: standing figure of semi-nude Aphrodite, with head turned right towards a youth, standing nude except for the chlamys, hanging over his left arm. In his left hand a leafy branch, his right is extended towards Aphrodite. His right hand holds an indistinct object towards Aphrodite, the left hand holds a leafy branch over the shoulder. At Aphrodite's feet: a long-tailed bird. Letters around the margin and between the figures.

B: χυχαχυχ.

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-448](#)

[The Kelsey Museum Artifacts Database on CBd-448](#)

Images

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