

Magical gem: Female figure ('Sigé'), youth riding lion (A) voces (B)

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Former Collections	Praun and Mertens Collection; Eastwood, George
Material	serpentine (green to black)
Dimensions	21 x 23 x 4 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	animal: lion; clothing: mantle; clothing: tunic; rider; stars (2); moon, crescent; gesture, hand raised to mouth; figure, female; gesture, lying; figure, unidentified
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; Σαβαώθ, variants; vocales, αηιουω



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A: Figure riding to left on the back of a lion which strides over a nude figure lying face down on the ground. Facing them, on the left, a female figure, wearing tunic and mantle, with right hand lowered beside the body, left hand raised to mouth (Sigé). In the free field between the figures, a lying crescent with an eight-pointed star above it, behind the rider, another eight-pointed star. Letters scattered in the free field around the figures.

B: Inscription in four lines: ιαωσ|αβαω|αηιουω → Ἰάω, Σαβαώθ. The Greek vowel series.

Bibliography

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