

Magical gem: Phoenix surrounded by animals (A) στομάχου (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
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References	Michel, BM, no. 403; Michel, DMG, no. 43.1_3
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	15 x 14 x 3 mm
Dating	4th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	bird: swallows (2); gesture, protective; nimbus; scarab, with outstretched wings; scorpions (2); rays (5); phoenix



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A: Fragment. Phoenix with nimbus and rays, in profile to left. Above, scarab with outstretched wings; on the sides, pairs of animals: swallows facing inwards (top), scorpions crawling to top (bottom). (For an interpretation, cf. [CBd-2](#).)

B: Inscription in four lines: στο|μα|χο|υ → στομάχου. 'For the stomach!'

Bibliography

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