

Magical gem: Erotes, procession (A) Greek inscription (B)

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ID-Number	GB-BM-MMEu_G 111, EA 56111
Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 111 (EA 56111)
References	Michel, BM, no. 492
Material	serpentine (green to black)
Dimensions	34 x 29 x 4.5 mm
Dating	4th-6th c. AD? (Michel)
Iconography	scorpion; garland; rod; Ouroboros; boat; star; fish; bird, unspecified; figure, winged; Erotes (2); scepter, unspecified



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A: Surface divided into four horizontal registers. At the top: two flying Erotes carrying a garland, with an eight-pointed star above, and untransliterated letters below. In the second register, a procession of eight figures towards a structure built of short, x-shaped lines. The figures touch each other on the shoulder, the first one carries a staff. In the third register, on the left, a winged figure in profile to left. Facing him: a bird holding a fish in its beak, tied to a rod held by a figure sitting in a boat on the right. Around the figures: untransliterated letters and signs. In the lowest segment: a scorpion from above, head to left, with untransliterated letters and signs around it.

B: Enclosed within an Ouroboros, head to left, underlined, untransliterated (Arabic?) inscription in six lines.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-850](#)

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