

Finch & C^o



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SMOOTH GREEN PATINA WITH PATCHES OF REDDISH METAL

TWO SMALL DAMAGES TO SILVER MEDALLION

6TH - 5TH CENTURY B.C

SIZE: 7.5CM HIGH, 22CM DIA - 3 INS HIGH, 8¾ INS DIA

LITERATURE

THIS ANCIENT VOTIVE BRONZE BOWL IS DECORATED TO THE CENTRE WITH A SILVER MEDALLION IN RELIEF DEPICTING THE GOD APOLLO. SON OF ZEUS BY LATONA WHO ACCORDING TO LEGEND BORE HIM AND HIS SISTER ARTEMIS AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT CYNTHUS ON THE ISLAND OF DELOS. APOLLO WAS ORIGINALLY THE GOD OF LIGHT BOTH IN ITS BENEFICENT AND ITS DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS. AS THE GOD OF PURE LIGHT HE IS THE ENEMY OF DARKNESS. HE IS THE HOLY BRIGHT LIFE GIVING GOD AND SO HIS FESTIVALS ARE ALL IN THE SPRING OR SUMMER. HE GIVES THE CROPS PROSPERITY AND PROTECTION, AND WITH HIS LIGHT BRINGS A SUCCESSFUL HARVEST. IN ANCIENT ART HE WAS REPRESENTED AS A LONG HAired BEARDLESS YOUTH OF TALL MUSCULAR BUILD AND HANDSOME FEATURES. IMAGES OF HIM WERE POPULAR AS HIS WORSHIP WAS EXTENSIVE.

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