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| OBJECT ID | 2008.37.85 |
| OBJECT NAME | Block, Printing |
| OBJECT COLLECTION | Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of) |
| MATERIAL | Lead; Wood |
| OBJECT ENTITIES | Damianos, John (is related to) Damianos, Aristotle (is related to) |
| ACCESS POINTS | belly dancing bracelets bustier dancer Greek Art Printing Company printing block Skirt Woman Wood |

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Long, rectangular wood printing block with the etched image of a belly dancer. The plate is a close cropped full length image of a bellydancing woman. She holds her hands up directly above her head and has one hip popped. Curly hair is partially pulled back while the rest falls over her shoulders. She is wearing a bustier with fringe and a long skirt. There are star/floral patterns along her top and the band of her skirt.

ORIGIN

Donated by John Damianos. The printing block was used in a linotype printing machine. Linotype presses allowed for the casting of entire lines to be printed at a time. Linotype printing was eventually succeeded by lithograph printing and computer typesetting during the 1960's and 1970's. This printing block was used by the Chicago-based, Greek Art Printing Company that was owned and operated by Aristotle Damianos. The Greek Art Printing Company was responsible for the printing of a wide range of materials, including wedding invitations, invoices, flyers, programs, letterhead, etc., for Greek businesses, organizations, institutions, and individuals in the Chicago area, and elsewhere.

CITATION

Block, Printing, Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/03/24.