



OBJECT ID	1994.37.4
OBJECT NAME	Saltshaker
DATE CREATED	1938
MATERIAL	Ceramic; Cork
OBJECT ENTITIES	Keramikos, G Maras Co Athens (created by) Kringas, Angeline (owned by) Kringas, Angeline (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Vase, 1994.37.1 Vase, 1994.37.2 Vase, 1994.37.3 Ashtray, 1994.37.5
ACCESS POINTS	G Maras Co Athens G Maras Company greek art handmade salt shaker Urn Vintage

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Black, white, and brown glazed handmade and handpainted salt shaker in the shape of a classic greek urn. Salt shaker is squat with one small decorated handle. The neck itself is covered with classical greek designs. On one side is a painted figure of a seated woman, fully robed, with a small bird perched on one hand. The other side shows a painted nude man with a blade in one hand and a shield in the other. On the bottom of the salt shaker is the handwritten word "Greece". There is a hole with a cork in it.

#### ORIGIN

Donated by Angeline Kringas along with two other handpainted vases, a needle point astray and handpainted salt shaker. The ceramics appear to be made by the G Maras Co Athens in Greece which produced Neoclassical handpainted greek art.

Although it is unclear if the "Keramikos" logo refers to a company, artisan, or locality, the area of Keramikos, or Kerameikos, is an area of Athens, Greece which is now an important archaeological site. In ancient Greece it was a settlement for potters and vase painters, and its name was derived from the Greek word *kéramos*, or "pottery clay", from which the English word "ceramic" is derived.

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#### CITATION

Saltshaker, 1938, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/05/26.

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