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| OBJECT ID | 1994.45.1 |
| OBJECT NAME | Plate, Decorative |
| MATERIAL | Ceramic |
| ACCESS POINTS | bugler Evzone Parthenon Plate |

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

One Greek decorative plate, hand-painted in Athens. The plate depicts an Evzone bugler in the traditional Greek uniform with the Parthenon in the background. Many elements are raised slightly to give dimension and texture. The back of the plate reads "Parthenon " in Greek, and underneath that reads "Handmade in Athens Greece". There is also a maker's stamp. Along the inner rim of the plate are two holes, presumably for mounting.

ORIGIN

The Evzones, or Ezoni, is the name of several historical elite light infantry and mountain units of the Greek Army. Today, it refers to the members of the Presidential Guard. Also known colloquially as Tsoliades. They are most widely known for their unique traditional uniforms based on the traditional fustanella style worn by the klefts, armatoli and many of the other famous fighters of the Greek War of Independence.

Elements of the uniform include a farion, a scarlet fez with a long black silk tassel, the fustanella, a cotton kilt made from 30 m of white cloth with 400 pleats representing the 400 years of Ottoman occupation, a ypodetes (white shirt with wide sleeves), stockings, garters, waistcoat, and the tsarouchia clogs with black pompons. There are variations of this uniform based on the season and occasion, as well as historical variations over time.

CITATION

Plate, Decorative, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/26/24.