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OBJECT NAME Figurine

MATERIAL Clay; Stone

ACCESS POINTS Mythology
Sphinx

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a small figurine for either decorative or religious purpose. Depicts two sphinx figures with wings sitting on the top of a column or some type of architecture. The two figures are molded into one another.

ORIGIN

In Greek mythology, a sphinx is represented as a monster with a head of a woman, the body of a lioness, the wings of an eagle, and a serpent-headed tail. There was a single sphinx in Greek mythology, a unique demon of destruction and bad luck.

The Sphinx is said to have guarded the entrance to the Greek city of Thebes, and to have asked a riddle of travellers to allow them passage.

CITATION

Figurine, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/20/24.