

Basic Detail Report



Eros Atop a Dolphin

Date

c. 3rd century A.D.

Medium

Stone tesserae

Description

Boy on dolphin. Colored stone tesserae mounted in cement block. The young Taras (son of Poseidon later founder of the first Iapygian settlement in Tarentum) is shown with locks flowing in a stream, naked, astride on a dolphin using a string of pearls as reins looped around the dolphin's mouth. The fragment has an inscription AITI upper left, a fat fish lower left, a squid lower right and

another under-sea creature jutting out of the right side. The tesserae used for the boy are in flesh tones, the under-sea world is of curving black stones, the fish have pale yellow gray and pale green stones.

Dimensions

36 5/8 x 32 1/4 in. (93 x 81.9 cm)