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# Egyptian Faience Harpokrates Amulet

An ancient Egyptian blue faience amulet depicting the child god Harpokrates nude, seated with his hands to his sides, wearing the side lock of youth.



Ptolemaic Period.
Ca. 305 - 30 BC.
Height: 1 3/4 in. (4.2 cm).

Harpokrates, the infant son of Isis and Horus was a symbol of youth and fertility. He was essentially a patron deity of childhood, especially popular in the Late Period. Often depicting suckling Isis, wearing the side lock of youth, and with his index finger to his mouth.

Formerly in the collection of Jerome Eisenberg, New York.

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