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Egyptian Faience Pataikos Amulet

An ancient Egyptian blue faience amulet of the bandy-legged dwarf god Pataikos, with purple details, a scarab on the head and a loop on the back for suspension.



Late Period,
Ca. 700 - 30 BC.
Height: 2 1/2 in. (6.4 cm).

Pataikos or Ptah the dwarf, was generally depicted as a broad-headed, bandy legged, youthful, sometimes janiform, dwarf. He was the protector of children.

Formerly in the collection of Jerome Eisenberg, New York; acquired at Christie's, London, December 11, 1987, lot 99.

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