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A Komast Cup

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The cup illustrated in figs. 1-6 is a komast cup.1 The word komast, or more properly komastes, is ancient Greek for reveler, a name that derives from the three dancing men painted on each side. The dancers are members of the komos, “a group singing and dancing after a symposion.” The name is derived from the decoration, and the figured decoration on these cups can be expected to be dancers; however the name now properly denotes the shape, for it is clear that there are also plain komast cups, without decoration.2 Although we are accustomed to thinking that this distinctly Attic shape developed from Corinthian models,3 there is strong reason for tracing it from purely Attic ancestors through Geometric cups and others that can be termed pre-komast cups.4

The distinguishing features of this cup are the short offset lip, the deep, baggy body, and the stemless conic foot.5 The foot is painted black; so too are the all-but-horizontal handles positioned towards the top of the body, where a prominent black line marks the rise of the lip. The inside of both the foot and the handles is reserved. The interior of the cup is also solid black; the paint overlaps the rim and marks a line on the exterior, giving a definite frame for the lip. The lip is generally decorated with either rosettes or a net pattern, though on plain komast cups the lip is of course undecorated. The Painter of Athens 533 (to whom plain cups can also be attributed) produced cups that have figures in the handle zone but no decoration on the lip. The rosettes are sometimes carefully incised with a central heart, with added red on alternate petals, and sometimes, as here, incised with three crossing lines. The Falmouth Painter preferred the net pattern. Beneath each handle on his cups is a palmette above a large hanging lotus bud with four curling volutes of stalks, two on each side. This floral design is an important part of the canonical decoration of komast cups.6 Some variety is found in details, and we shall examine closely some of these variations. It is worth drawing attention on the Getty cup (fig. 6) to the “small core” in the palmette and the lotus flower and also to the absence of a conical central petal in the lotus flower.

Between the foot and the broad expanse of the body where the dancers are painted, komast cups have a zone of rays always bounded at the top by three fine parallel lines and at the bottom by a thick black zone. Between this black zone and the rays, there is a band of red; this can be between two white lines (as on Copenhagen 103, figs. 10-11) or separated from the black zone by an incised line.

Although the subject matter is austere and the combination of poses (position of arms, legs, and head) is naturally limited, komast painters do contrive to lend their figures a certain vigor and freshness, over a space of three decades.7 The continuity of shape and motif has been described by Boardman as being “repetitive production” like Corinthian pottery, whilst Hornbostel points out that these cups were a favourite export article of the early sixth century B.C.8 For all the simplicity of subject matter, the appearance of a new komast cup is always an event; for these cups are a significant part of the historiography of Greek vase painting, since they recall the time when Payne, Greifenhagen, and Beazley were establishing the individual Attic style of

1. Komast cup, The J. Paul Getty Museum, inv. no. 79.AE.128; H. 9.5 cm.; D. (incl. handles) 26.4 cm.; D. (without handles) 20.0 cm. The cup has been restored from numerous fragments; substituted plaster is clearly visible, especially where painted areas have needed restoration.
2. Plain komast cups: see, for example, Corinth xiii, 156 no. 199-1; pl.27, fig.20. H.A.G. Brijder will discuss numerous examples of these in a forthcoming work on komast and Siana cups.
3. H.G.G. Payne, Necrocorinthia (1931) 310, suggests a Corinthian cup with offset rim as the forerunner of the komast cup. For the shape, see G. Villard REA 47 (1945) 159ff.
4. This argument is developed in detail by H.A.G. Brijder in his forthcoming book.
5. W. Hornbostel op. cit., 42 described the foot as follows: “einem trompetenartig auswarts gepreizten, kurzem Fuss.” But the term “trompetlike” will be applied to the feet of Siana cups.
6. The handle ornament is discussed by Hornbostel op. cit., 43.
7. See the perceptive comments on the character of these Attic komasts in S. Matheson Burke and J.J. Pollitt, Greek Vases at Yale (1975) 22-23.
8. J. Boardman, Athenian Black Figure Vases (1974) 18; Hornbostel op. cit., 41.
Figure 1. Komast cup. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum 79.AE.128. Side A.

Figure 2. Malibu 79.AE.128. Side A.
Figure 3. Malibu 79.AE.128. Side B.

Figure 4. Malibu 79.AE.128. Side B.
Figure 5. Malibu 79.AE.128. Handles.

Figure 6. Malibu 79.AE.128. Handles.
vases that had long been thought to be Corinthian. These scholars showed that though the motifs and often the shapes were based on Corinthian models, they were truly Attic and not merely imitative. Beazley also expressed excitement at the identification of "artistic personalities" within even the limited scope offered by the Early Attic period.

Two of the major figures of this Komast Group were given most unspectacular names by Beazley: the KX Painter and the KY Painter. The K stands for Komast (after the subject matter), whilst the X and Y respectively isolate two different hands. The KY Painter is generally described as the younger colleague of the KX Painter. Another prolific artist was the Falmouth Painter, whose work has been recently studied by W. Hornbostel. Each of the two main artists decorated a range of pots; but there is not a single extant komast cup by the hand of the KY Painter himself. The cups of the KY Painter have komasts with solid bodies, intricately incised hair, and distinctive incised detail round the knees and thighs. By contrast, the Falmouth Painter's komasts are rubbery; there is hardly an angle anywhere even at knee and elbow, and the hair is shaped into roundly curving bangs.

The Getty komast cup resembles the work of neither of these. Close scrutiny indicates that it is painted in the manner of the KX Painter; that is, not by the leading painter himself, but by someone who worked closely with him and was deeply influenced by his style. Beazley distinguished two groups of pots painted in the manner of the KX Painter (his Group II and Group III; ABV 27-28). For him there were three komast cups in question: New York 22.139.22 (figs. 7-8), which stands apart from the remaining two: Syracuse 26397 and Copenhagen 103 (fig. 11), both by the Painter of Copenhagen 103. On New York 22.139.22 (fig. 8), the left dancer of the three is wearing the jerkin that was the trademark of the dancers on Corinthian vases, showing the connection with some sort of theatrical performances. Somewhere along the line, the theatrical, even subhuman, figures (the early figures are thought by some to be dwarfs) change into completely human participants in a komos.

We would do well to try to define the differences between Beazley's Group II and Group III, that is between New York 22.139.22 (figs. 7-8) on the one hand and Syracuse 26397 and Copenhagen 103 (fig. 11) on the other. Some differences are apparent at first glance. The New York cup has three dancers on each side; the others have two dancers each. The lip of the New York cup has rosettes incised with a central heart; the others have rosettes incised with three straight intersecting lines. Perhaps most important of all (figs. 9-10), the flowing tendrils beneath the handles of the New York cup have incised volutes with incised stalks looping around each other, but the other two cups have the curl of the volutes painted, and the stalks meet at the center without overlapping. The band of added red beneath the rays is also different in each case.

In the drawing of the bodies there are many similarities: the short and sharply incised double parallel lines at knee and elbow, the tiny hook for the ankle, the genitals, the chest and nipples, the hair with a ribbon, the scalloped edge over the forehead, the shoulder-length hair with two incised parallel lines horizontally just below the ear, and the parallel incised lines at the juncture of arms and body. This last is the most striking feature of all because, without exception, on one arm of each dancer the lines are two short strokes at the armpit, whilst on the other arm they stretch from the armpit to the top of the shoulder; sometimes this latter is on the right and sometimes on the left. These longer parallel lines at the shoulder are found on the jerkined dancers by the KY Painter; on the three cups we are considering (and taking note of the jerkined dancer on New York 22.139.22), they must be a relic of the short sleeve of the garment.

In summary, for the dancers themselves, the differences appear to lie in the rather more angular features (longer nose, more raking line of the mouth area) of New York 22.139.22, and in the treatment of the ears. Where the Painter of New York 22.139.22 draws an ear with a sharp curve in the interior, the Painter of Copenhagen 103 makes a markedly fleshy ear with what looks like two lobes, with the curves toward the outer side (this can be observed quite clearly in fig. 11). Nevertheless it is striking what close links there are between these two painters.

The Getty komast cup (figs. 1-6) has three dancers on each side. On each side, the right and center dancers carry drinking horns, the lip of which is distinguished in three cases by two incised lines and in the other by one. As on New York 22.139.22, the volutes of the stalks are shown by incised detail on a broadened roundel of paint at the end of the stem; the stalks interlock at the center, likewise marked by incision, and the volute itself does not rest against the calyx of the lotus. At the rim, the rosettes are formed by three intersecting incised lines like the Group of Copenhagen 103.

11. Corinthian dancers are rarely naked; see CVA Würzburg I, pl.31, 7-10.
12. For a recent discussion of these matters, see Hornbostel op. cit., 48 and the Korrekturzusatz on p. 64. Oswyn Murray has written about the symposium in Times Literary Supplement, November 6, 1981, 1307f.
13. Boardman op. cit., fig.23.
Figure 7. Komast Cup. New York, The Metropolitan Museum of Art 22.139.22. Rogers Fund 1922. Detail.

Figure 8. New York 22.139.22. Detail.
Figure 9. New York 22.139.22. Detail of handle volute.

Figure 10. Copenhagen 103. Detail of handle volute.
In style, the Getty dancers are portrayed with exactly the elements outlined above in hair, chest, elbows, knees, fingers, genitals, and ankles. There can be no doubt that the painter is the same as the painter of the Group of Copenhagen 103 (named the Painter of Copenhagen 103). In particular, the ears of the Getty komasts have the same double lobe structure (though perhaps not quite so marked) as those on the komasts of Copenhagen 103. The close links between the two groups are now more firmly established, for we see a sharing of both the style and, especially, the technical details of the volutes and the number of dancers. The New York cup, however, preserves closer links with the KX Painter in, for example, the spiky locks of hair on three of the six komasts, so it would seem prudent to name him senior to the Painter of Copenhagen 103 and to propose that the Getty komast cup is an early work of the Painter of Copenhagen 103, in which he imitates even more closely his slightly older companion, the Painter of New York 22.139.22.14

Further details of the Getty komast cup deserve comment. On side A (figs. 1–2), the right-hand dancer has been largely restored round his middle. Nevertheless, just above a prominent diagonal scratch deep into the fabric are two clear parallel lines incised into the black paint; they are without doubt the lower edge of a jerkin such as we see on New York 22.139.22. On the Getty cup this garment is not painted red, but there is red added to other areas: on side A (figs. 1–2), the right-hand dancer has a red face, the dancer in the center has a red chest and a red ribbon in his hair, and his face was originally red although the color has now faded; on side B (figs. 3–4), the left and center dancers have red chests, the left and right dancers have red faces and red ribbons, and the drinking horn of the central figure has a red blob on top.

The Getty komast cup may be dated c. 580–575 B.C.

14. Other attributions may be noted, as follows: Painter of New York 22.139.22, Taranto 110550 (Boll. d'Arte 46 (1961) 270–271, figs. 2a, 4–6), Thorikos TC 64.262 (Thorikos [1964] II (1967) 94ff., fig.98), three fragments Paris CP 10238 and 10237 bis (ABV 33, belonging to the same cup), and Paris CP 10237 (ABV 33); Painter of Copenhagen 103; Leningrad B 1966g. (K.S. Gorbunova, SA 4 (1970) 199–201).
Sophilos in the British Museum

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In 1971 a splendid Athenian bowl and stand decorated in the black figure technique and signed by the painter Sophilos was acquired for the British Museum. It was promptly given a preliminary publication by Ann Birchall. The purpose of this article is simply to accompany a set of detailed photographs, which, it is hoped, will make the vase more widely accessible.

Both the bowl and stand (fig. 1) are mended from many fragments, but the surface is in remarkably good condition and there are only a few, rather minor, lacunae. In 1978, however, five further fragments of the bowl were acquired, three on loan from the J. Paul Getty Museum at Malibu (figs. 2, 3, 4) and two by purchase on the American market. When these came to be inserted, it was discovered that in the restoration of the vase, which had been carried out before it was acquired for the British Museum, materials unsuitable for the mending of earthenware had been used. This means that any attempt to dismantle the vase will prove difficult—a particularly unfortunate circumstance since the bowl was allowed to get out of shape during the process of reconstruction, with the result that a number of gaps occurred between fragments that should actually join. The worst of these is the gap that runs through the painter’s signature, the legs of the two figures to the left, and the large floral complex in the center of the zone below (see figs. 13, 26).

The upper surface of the bowl’s rim (fig. 5) is decorated with a two-sided lotus and palmette chain; both the inside and the outside vertical edges are red. The joint between rim and bowl is marked below with a tongue pattern, alternately red and black, and bounded below with a thin red line. The main decoration of the bowl consists of four elaborate friezes, the upper one filled with figures, the others with creatures from the animal kingdom, both real and mythical, while the bottom of the bowl is covered with a whirligig of six compass-drawn crescents, alter-

In addition to the standard abbreviations, including those of Beazley’s lists, the following have been used:

Bakir Sophilos G. Bakir, Sophilos (Mainz 1981)
Beazley Dev. J. D. Beazley, The Development of Attic Black-Figure (Berkeley 1951)
Boardman J. Boardman, Athenian Black Figure Vases (London 1974)

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1. 1971.11.1-11.
3. Ht. of bowl 28.0; dm. of bowl at rim 32.6; gr. dm. of bowl 41.5. Ht. of stand 47.0; dm. of base of stand 33.1. Total ht. 71.0cm.
4. The Getty Museum frr. 76.AE.126 (Now BM 1978.6-7.1 to 3) in exchange for three Chin fragments from Naukratis (BM.1888.6-1.465b, 1888.6-1.474i and j, and 1924.12-1.763); BMOcc.Pap. 22 [1981] p.326f., 22[1981] p.326f. The market pieces, BM.1978.6-6.1 and 2 frr. The BM is extremely grateful to Dr. Jifi Frel, who recognised that all five fragments belonged to the London dinos. The three Getty Museum fragments have now been generously presented to the British Museum.
5. I am grateful to David Akehurst and Nigel Williams of the Conservation and Technical Services for their advice on this matter.
Figure 1. Sophilos dinos and stand, front view, London, The British Museum 1971.11-1.1.
nately red and black (fig. 6). The funnel like-top of the hollow stand (figs. 21-23) is black, except for the Z pattern (bordered above and below by a thin red line). The baluster is decorated with a two-sided lotus and palmette chain and is framed above and below by a reel or disc, the upper one painted black on its upper surface, the lower one red (the edge of the red marked with a black ring). Below, the stand thickens out into a cylindrical stem, the linking slope marked by a red band and the shoulder itself by a black fillet. This stem and the flaring foot bear the main decoration of the stand, four friezes of animals. Finally, the edge of the foot is elaborately turned: the vertical face between the flaring foot and the first step is marked with a red band, as is that between the step and the black cushion-fillet with which the stand terminates, while the horizontal surface of the step itself is decorated with a second Z pattern (framed by a thin red line on either side).

The shape of the bowl and that of the stand seem to have their ultimate origins in a series of oriental bronze cauldrons and conical stands (fig. 8). The dinos, with its low centre of gravity, is derived from the oriental separate cauldrons as offerings in the Greek sanctuaries in the latter years of the eighth century B.C. The oriental cauldron could sit on a rod tripod stand or on a tall conical one. The latter were often decorated in relief and were surmounted by a pomegranate-like bulb and spreading bloom; this type of stand also served in the Near East and on Cyprus as a support for incense burners. The oriental cauldrons and stands seem to have appealed greatly to the Greeks, and they quickly imitated them, adorning the cauldrons further, it would seem, by adding griffin protomes, for we never see such protomes in oriental depictions. Greek potters working in various areas also began to imitate these new bronze creations, although traditional ceramic ideas naturally continued to affect the results of such imitations both in Greece and in Italy. The potters preferred the new conical stands to the rod type, which the Greek bronzesmiths, however, probably found easier to produce. Furthermore, the potters also attempted protomes and attachments of their own.

Sometime shortly after the middle of the seventh century B.C., however, there seems to have been a change. The bronze protome cauldrons from Olympia become far less common and the period of over-size examples comes to an end, as bronze armour takes over as the major category of dedicatory material. At this time, too, we find that there are no more representations of protome cauldrons with the native Geometric tripod cauldrons as offerings in the Greek sanctuaries in the later years of the eighth century B.C. The oriental cauldron could sit on a rod tripod stand or on a tall conical one. The latter were often decorated in relief and were surmounted by a pomegranate-like bulb and spreading bloom; this type of stand also served in the Near East and on Cyprus as a support for incense burners. The oriental cauldrons and stands seem to have appealed greatly to the Greeks, and they quickly imitated them, adorning the cauldrons further, it would seem, by adding griffin protomes, for we never see such protomes in oriental depictions. Greek potters working in various areas also began to imitate these new bronze creations, although traditional ceramic ideas naturally continued to affect the results of such imitations both in Greece and in Italy. The potters preferred the new conical stands to the rod type, which the Greek bronzesmiths, however, probably found easier to produce. Furthermore, the potters also attempted protomes and attachments of their own.

6. The bibliography for these cauldrons and stands is extensive. See especially, Herrmann I and II. Also U. Jantzen, Griechische Greifenkessel (Berlin 1959); H. Kyrieleis, Zum orientalischen Kesselschmuck (Marburger Winckelmann-Programm 1966); Marburg 1967; J. N. Coldstream, Geometric Greece (London 1977) p.362ff.; Boardman GO p.65ff.


10. Herrmann II p.143, note 33; Boardman GO p.270 note 107 adds an Attic clay protome from the Agora.


Figure 5. Sophilos dinos, detail of pattern on rim.

Figure 6. Sophilos dinos, detail of bottom.
on vases, while the potters actually imitating them cease to attach protomes. This latter development may be merely the result of a change in fashion, but it might also point to a significant change in the use of the cauldrons from impractical ἄλαμπατος offered in sanctuaries and in tombs to furniture of the feast.

In connection with this, it is perhaps interesting to note that the Greeks seem to have adopted the nomadic custom of reclining at feasts some time in the second half of the seventh century, as a fragment of Alkman reveals, although we do not see it represented in Greek art until the turn of the century. Furthermore, Alkman is said to have come from golden Lydia, where it seems likely that the custom was learnt and adapted from neighbouring nomads, perhaps even the Kimmerians who had caused the Phrygians to lose their position of power and also continued to harass the Lydians after them. The Lydians, in fact, managed to hold the Kimmerians at bay, possibly with the aid of the Assyrians, who themselves, perhaps as a result, adopted the custom of reclining at feasts around the middle of the seventh century or soon after, as is suggested by the alabaster relief from Nineveh that show us Assurbanipal feasting on a couch in his garden, while nearby is a protomeless dinos on a concical stand.

To return to the clay dinoi on conical stands, we suddenly find at Athens in the first half of the sixth century B.C. a number of dinoi with stands which clearly belong to a distinct group. The dinoi are deeper and more spherical than their late seventh century ceramic ancestors and have more in common with the earlier bronze prototypes. The shape of the stands, which is also rather different from the various forms seen in the seventh century, now appears to be standardised, and all the examples are decorated with animal friezes. The only published stands are those belonging to the Gorgon Painter's dinoi in the Louvre, the British Museum's new dinoi by Sophilos, and an unattributed dinos in the Vatican (only part of the base of this stand is in fact preserved). To these we may add a group of fragments from Naukratis, now in the British Museum, which seem to belong to two separate but very similar stands (figs. 9-12). Unexpectedly the rims of the funnels of both these Naukratis pieces were decorated with animals. Furthermore, in the light of the Naukratis fragment with animals on the baluster, one might guess that a small fragment from Old Smyrna, which Güven Bakır has published as being from a pyxis, is really from the baluster of a sixth stand. Finally, the J. Paul Getty Museum was recently presented with a splendid group of fragments from a further stand and its bowl decorated with a gigantomachy which have been attributed to the Kyllenios Painter, a member of the Tyrrhenian Group, by Jiti Frel (part fig. 36); and, according to Dietrich von Bothmer, still another dinos (centauromachy and chariot race) by the Kyllenios Painter is on the German art market.

13. Herrmann I p.3.
18. Louvre E.874; Beazley ABV 8,1.; idem, Para. p.6; CVA, 2, pls. 15ff.; Simon GV pls.47ff.
20. a) BM.88.6-1.570d (rim of funnel); 88.6-1.570 a (baluster); 1965.9-30.759 and 88.6-1.570b and e (all joining; baluster, lower disc and stem); 88.6-1.570g (edge of base).
   b) BM.88.6-1.570 (rim of funnel); 88.6-1.570e and h (baluster); 1965.9-30.808 (upper surface of base); 1965.9-30.807 (edge of base).
21. Izmir Mus. fr.; Bakır Sophilos, no.B.22, pl.81 fig. 162.

On the Tyrrhenian Group, Beazley ABV 94ff. and Para 34ff., which owe much to Bothmer's as yet unpublished work on this group. Bothmer has attributed another dinos to his Kyllenios Painter, Bolligen, Blatter frr.: AK 5 (1962) pl.16, 1–3; Beazley Para. 42 bottom. Both dinos seem very close to the best of the Camtar Painter (e.g. Tarquinia RC.5564; Beazley ABV 84,1).
Figure 8. Sophilos dinos and stand, drawing of profile.
The Louvre and London pieces seem to belong around 580 B.C., but the Vatican example might be a little later. The Getty fragments should date from the late 570's or early 560's, while the Naukratis and Old Smyrna pieces might belong nearer 560 B.C. About the middle of the century, however, there seems to have been a change, for we begin to see a greater variety in the shape of the stands, and there appear to be no more decorated examples. Nevertheless, representations of dinoi and stands on vases from the end of the sixth century (for example on the stamnos in Brussels painted by Smikros, most probably in imitation of a work of Euphronios' like the Munich calyx krater) show that the shape of the Sophilos stand did not die out entirely.

One suspects, however, that Smikros was thinking of a metal dino and stand when he painted his almost man-sized example. It seems, in fact, very likely that a metal prototype, rather than a ceramic one, lies behind the appearance of the group of ceramic versions in the early part of the sixth century. For, although both Corinthian dinoi and East Greek stands and dinoi display a similar use of animal friezes, the differences in shape, especially the foot of the stand in two degrees—which otherwise we do not see until after the middle of the century on calyx kraters and amphorae of type A—clearly point to renewed influence from metal-working. Unfortunately, it is impossible to decide with any degree of certainty whether the metal prototype was of Corinthian, East Greek, or Athenian design. Nevertheless, since the representations of dinoi on stands depicted on Corinthian vases of the early sixth century exactly match neither the contemporary Athenian ceramic shape nor the metal versions found on later Athenian vases, we can perhaps suggest that it was a native Athenian tradition of bronze dinoi and stands that led to the development of the vessels produced by Sophilos and his fellows.

To return to the decoration of the British Museum's stand and bowl, both have a front view. The centre of the front of the bowl is marked with a large floral complex in the second frieze (fig. 13), an idea which Sophilos uses to great effect on many other vases. This second frieze surrounds the widest part of the bowl, and the symmetrical arrangement of the animals establishes the extremities of the front view (confronted sirens on either side of the floral; beyond, panthers). The side limits of the figured frieze above are set by the door of Peleus' house on the right and the end of the procession on foot on the left. The animal frieze below the floral complex has a panther on either side of a central goat, which faces in the opposite direction to the flow of movement in the figured frieze (fig. 14). Finally, the symmetry in the lowest row of animals is reduced to a single pair of confronted sirens. One sees, therefore, how carefully the painter has arranged the elements of all the friezes on the front of the bowl both to emphasise the front view and to echo the outline of the bowl.

23. For the later stands (and dinoi) see R. Lullies, AK 14 (1971). For a new fragmentary dino by the Kleophrades Painter, now in the Getty Museum, see a forthcoming article by Martin Robertson.

24. Brussels A.717. Beazley ARV² 20,1; CVA, 2, pls.126; AK 14 (1971) pl.21,1. Compare also the dino on the black figure side of Munich 2301; Beazley ARV² 4,9; CVA, 4, pls.156,2 and 158,3. The Euphronios, Munich inv. 8935 etc.: Beazley ARV² 1619 add as 3 bis to p.14; idem,Para 322; AA 1976, 505-7, figs. 24–6 (D. von Bothmer). A contemporary, but unattributed, black figure dino and stand of the same shape is to be found in Salerno, Mus. Civ.

Figure 11. Fragment of first stand from Naukratis (baluster and stem).

Figure 12. Fragments of second stand from Naukratis (rim; baluster; base; base and edge).
Figure 13. Sophilos dinos, detail of front view.

Figure 14. Sophilos dinos, detail of front view.
Figure 15. Sophilos dinos, detail of first side view.

Figure 16. Sophilos dinos, detail of first side view.
Figure 17. Sophilos dinos, detail of back view.

Figure 18. Sophilos dinos, detail of back view.
Figure 19. Sophilos dinos, detail of second side view.

Figure 20. Sophilos dinos, detail of second side view.
Figure 21. Sophilos stand, front view.

Figure 22. Sophilos stand, detail of front of base.

Figure 23. Sophilos stand, back view.

Figure 24. Sophilos stand, detail of back of base.
The rest of the dinos exhibits a slightly looser approach. The remainder of the figure frieze is divided into three groups, two consisting of two chariots each (figs. 15, 17), and one which is built up of one chariot and a motley assortment of figures of equal "weight" (fig. 19). Each of these three groups corresponds to a further cardinal view of the dinos, and each is echoed in the animal frieze immediately below by a pair of confronted animals (boar and lion (fig. 16); stag and panther (fig. 18); lion and ram (fig. 20). The second animal frieze is more loosely composed beyond the trio at the front, and three rosette filling ornaments are also included. The lowest zone has a little more cohesion in its pairing and leaves a lone panther in the centre of the back of the vase. (fig. 18).

The front of the stand is clearly indicated on the lowest frieze—the most carefully organised of the friezes on the stand (fig. 21). A pair of confronted panthers, each with one raised paw, forms the centre-piece, while in the space below is a small swan-like bird (fig. 22). These panthers are flanked by goats, beyond are sirens and finally panthers again (fig. 23), their tails interlocking at the back of the stand. Seven rosette filling ornaments are also set symmetrically in the field. The next frieze up is also carefully organised, but it is not quite so perfectly symmetrical. A pair of sirens face each other directly over the centre of the lowest frieze. On either side is set a feline—at the left a lion, at the right a panther. Beyond them at the back of the stand a pair of sirens is again confronted, but between them is set a small bearded figure with a staff—a master of the animals (fig. 24). The two friezes on the stem of the stand contain confronted pairs of animals, but these are not aligned with the centre of the two friezes below. One suspects that the painter has preferred to avoid too pronounced a central division in order to give the stem a proper sense of volume. Finally, the bulbous baluster is decorated with a lotus and palmette chain. At the front the incisions are careful and regular, but at the back two new but rather rough decorations of the bulb of the lotus occur, on one teeth, on the other simple vertical lines.

The theme of the upper frieze is the procession of gods to the house of Peleus to celebrate his marriage to Thetis, the daughter of Nereus and Doris. There are only two other certain examples of this theme, one on a fragmentary dinos painted by Sophilos from the Acropolis, the other on the François vase painted by Kleitias, and we shall occasionally refer to both in the following description. The house or palace is on the extreme right of the front view of the bowl (fig. 25). Its form seems to be distyle in antis, although Sophilos has not tried to indicate the wall between the antae and the door as Kleitias later did on the François vase. The antae are black and the form of their capitals differs from those of the white columns. The architrave is minimal, as are the triglyphs, but the metopes are large and boldly done in white. The double door is shut and is of the same form as that on Sophilos' other fragmentary version of the scene. It has red panels and red studs, which might indicate bronze. Between the anta and the column on the left of the door, we read the artist's signature, ΣΟΦΙΟΣ ΜΕΛΑΡΒΠΣΕΝ (retr.), Sophilos megalographen. Beazley commented that it is "impossible to say whether the name is ΣΩΦΙΟΣ, ΣΟΦΙΟΣ, or ΣΟΦΙΛΟΣ".

In front of the house stands Peleus (ΠΕΛΕΥΣ retr.) greeting his guests as they arrive (fig. 26). He holds up a kantharos in his right hand—its shape suggests a metal version—and his lips part as he speaks the words of welcome, ἐπετεύχθ' οἴκοθεν οἴκαδε. He is dressed in a white chiton, a red cloak with a wavy line border, and red boots. His name is written retrograde, below his outstretched left hand. Facing him is Iris, (ΙΡΙΣ retr.) the messenger goddess of the Olympians. She wears winged red boots and a short chiton, belted at the waist and held in place across her breasts with ties that meet in the centre in an elaborate ornamental buckle—male dress, as usual, perhaps to emphasize the sexual ambivalence of the go-between. On the Acropolis dinos Sophilos gave Iris an animal skin over her chiton, as did Kleitias on the François vase. The British Museum's Iris is not without other adornment, for she, like most of the goddesses in the parade, wears large pendant earrings and a necklace. Her staff of office is held in her right hand; her left points back to the divinities who follow.

The first group of guests consists of four goddesses (fig. 27), separated into two pairs, Hestia (ἩΣΤΙΑ) and Demeter (ΔΕΜΗΤΕΡ[P]), then Chariklo (ΧΑΡΙΚΛΕΙΟΥ) and Leto (ΛΕΤΟ retr.). This foursome is repeated on the Acropolis dinos, although there the two pairs are more firmly divided. All four goddesses wear white peploei, richly

27. Florence 4209: Beazley ABV 76,1; Simon GV, pls.51-57; (cleaned) Vaso François (Boll.d'Arte, Ser. Spéciale 1; Rome 1981) esp. detail pis. 74-8 (on pp. 132-136)
Athens, Acrop.587 frr.: Beazley ABV 39,15; Bakir Sophilos no.A.2, pls.3-5 and 89-90. See further Brommer, op.cit. (note 2) p.320 bottom, with bibliography; and Schefold GuH p.189ff. One wonders if Acrop.610 frr. (Beazley ABV 82,3; Hesperia 4 [1935] 216), from a large dinos, might have shown the same scene.
29. Pindar, Olymp. 7.4.
Figure 25. Sophilos dinos, detail of figured frieze.

Figure 26. Sophilos dinos, detail of figured frieze.
Figure 27. Sophilos dinos, detail of figured frieze.

Figure 28. Sophilos dinos, detail of figured frieze.
Figure 29. Sophilos dinos, detail of figured frieze.

Figure 30. Sophilos dinos, detail of figured frieze.
Figure 31. Sophilos dinos, detail of figured frieze.

Figure 32. Sophilos dinos, detail of figured frieze.
Figure 33. Sophilos dinos, detail of figured frieze.

Figure 34. Sophilos dinos, detail of figured frieze.
decorated with red animals, monsters, florals, and other more abstract patterns, while red cloaks are draped around their shoulders. It is interesting to note that behind Leto's head is some preliminary sketch work for a third head, which was left out in the final painting. There are, in fact, many traces of such sketching elsewhere on the vase, but this seems to be the only significant alteration.

Behind these goddesses comes Dionysos (ΔΙΟΝYSOS), vine branch in hand. His lips are parted, like Peleus', and he appears to talk across the intervening group of goddesses to Peleus himself. Dionysos is placed directly over the central palmette in the lower frieze, much as on the François vase, and is thus a key figure. He wears a long chiton and himation. The latter is done with black and red in the normal fashion, but the chiton is left the natural orange colour of the fired clay and only outlined in red. One might at first presume that Sophilos has simply forgotten to fill the chiton in with white, but some of the other figures, further on in the procession—the "Horai," the five Muses, Tethys, and Eileithyia—show that the effect is intentional: Sophilos is deliberately trying to use a fourth colour, in addition to the regular black, red, and white. This idea, like his use of white laid directly on the clay instead of over black, is presumably borrowed from contemporary Corinthian vase painting.31

Hebe (HBE) follows Dionysos. She wears a richly decorated peplos, but no cloak, very elaborate sandals,32 like a number of other women in the parade and two women on one of the Acropolis fragments, a bracelet and an armband. Next comes Cheiron (+IPO), the centaur (fig. 28). He wears a short red chiton over his human part and carries over his left shoulder a branch, to which he has tied his catch—a stag, two does, a fawn and a rabbit. In his right hand he holds a thick, gnarled branch that he no doubt used as a club. Cheiron turns his head, with its wild crest of hair, shaggy beard, and full nose, back towards the figures that follow him. The first of these is Themis (ΘEMΙΟ) sceptre in hand and dressed in a richly patterned peplos and plain cloak, while the rear of the foot procession is brought up by a trio of Nymphs (ΝΥΦΟΙ).

The three Nymphs mark the end of the front view of the dinos, and the procession now changes from one on foot to one with chariots. The Nymphs also serve as a link with the chariot parade that follows, for similar trios on foot punctuate it, adding rhythm and substance. The first chariot bears Zeus (ΖEY) and Hera (HΕA) (fig. 29), but on the far side of the horses' rumps appears a second trio of ladies on foot. Their names are unfortunately lost; and the edge of the fragment, where one might have hoped to find traces of the names, has sadly been filed away by the restorer, but they were probably the Horai, as Ann Birchall has suggested.33 Their chitons are left reserved in the same fashion as Dionysos', and the addition of white for their feet makes it quite clear that Sophilos did not simply forget to go back to this area with his white brush. The painter has, in fact, gone to great trouble to try to draw the correct number of reins and to show the trace lines attached to the chariot rail and the pole-stay tied to the top of the breastwork of the chariot. The two sets of reins are not tied together here, although this is the case with Poseidon's and Ares' teams further on in the procession. Zeus, dressed in chiton and cloak, grasps the reins and a goad, while Hera holds her cloak up by her cheek as she steadies herself with her other hand on the top of the chariot's breastwork.

The next chariot contains Poseidon (ΠΩΣΕΙΟΝ', the last two letters retr.) and Amphitrite (ΑΜΦΙΤΡΙΤΕ), accompanied by the three Charites (+ΑΠΙΤΕ) (fig. 30). Zeus' team of horses were all proud black steeds; Poseidon's are more fiery, especially the white one which rears its head and stamps one hoof, the only horse in the whole procession to show real mettle and surely a reference to Poseidon's special connection with horses.

Following behind comes the chariot of Ares (ΑΠΕ) and Aphrodite (ΑΦΡΟΔΙΤΕ), the immortal pair of illicit lovers, who are often treated as man and wife (fig. 31). Unfortunately the head of Aphrodite is missing. Ares' goad seems longer than the other charioteers', and it is also held at an angle nearer to the horizontal—perhaps it should be thought of as a spear. Behind the horses are grouped five Muses (ΜΟΤΑΙ) in an arc. The central figure is fully frontal and plays a syrinx. All five have the reserved chitons we have seen on Dionysos and others; their feet are in added white. Underneath the maze of legs and hoofs is an interesting technical feature. Sophilos seems to have badly smudged the black slip between the ground line and the

31. Reserved drapery on Corinthian vases, eg. the Cervacalle Painter's cup in Basel (Moretti), Simon GV, pl.28. Another example on a work by Sophilos might be Acrop. 585 fr. b (Beazley ARV 40, 18; Bakir Sophilos no.A.17, pl.35, fig.65)—Poseidon's chiton—but this is not certain (Graef, p.63). For white laid directly on clay ground, Beazley Dev. no.A. 17, pi.35, fig.65—Poseidon's chiton—but this is not certain (Graef, p.63).

32. For other sandals like these, worn by women, compare the later examples: Louvre G.2 (neck); Beazley ARV 53, 2; Simon GV pl.91 left; Mus.Heles.38 (1981) pl.8,4; and London E.41 (tondo); Beazley ARV 58, 51 (convincingly reattributed to Euphronios by Martin Robinson, Getty MJ 9 (1981) p.26).


34. Cf. also the Lakonian cup from Rhodes, Scheoldow Gulf p.32 fig.25, and the calyx krater by the Kleophrades Painter, Louvre G.162: Beazley ARV 186, 47; F. Brommer, Hesperia (Mainz 1978) pl.7, 1.

35. Literary traditions, RE XIX, 290ff. τε Peleus (Lesky). See also M. Heidenreich, Mythol 5 (1952) 134ff., esp. p.140.
back of the stag in the zone below and has had to rub away part of the surface to conceal his clumsiness. He also attempted to reinforce the lower edge of the ground line at this point by marking it with an incised line.

The next chariot is driven by Hermes (Ἑρμής retr.) (fig. 32). His kerykeion rests against the breastwork of the chariot box, and he wears a short chiton with a large rosette decoration and a petasos. The tips of his winged boots just show over the top of the chariot box. His passenger is Apollo (Ἀπόλλων) who sings as he plays his kithara. Alongside the horses are three more Muses (Μοῖραι), making a total of eight. The final team is in the hands of Athena (Ἀθηνᾶ) (fig. 33). Her companion is Artemis (Ἀρτέμις), whose finely decorated peplos is fully visible, since, like Hebe, she wears no cloak. Artemis holds her bow, but Athena has no attribute. It is also strange to find Athena driving the chariot from the left-hand side, an oddity which is also noticeable on the François vase (in later black figure, when she drives for Herakles, she stands on the right). Beside the horses walk the three Moirai (Μοῖραι).

The rear of the procession is brought up by a rather amorphous group. First is a fish-bodied, bull-horned Okeanos (Ὠκεανός) (fig. 34), clutching a fish and a snake. In the background his wife Tethys (Θητής retr.) is accompanied by Eileithyia (Εἰλείθυα retr.). They are followed by Hephaistos (Ἥφαιστος retr.) riding on a mule. It is difficult to decide just how he is perched on the swan-headed saddle, but one frontal foot, drawn like the frontal feet of the Muse playing the syrinx, can be made out below the bottom of his chiton, so he is presumably riding side-saddle, as he does on the François vase.34

From this general description, let us turn to the occasion of the procession and Sophilos' treatment of the scene. The parade of deities is coming to the home of Peleus following his marriage to the goddess Thetis. This home is certainly not the cave of Cheiron that we hear of in some literary sources,35 but rather a temple-like structure that acts in many respects as a mythological archetype for mortal marriages, which at that time included the carrying off of the bride by the groom while the mother mourned as if her daughter had died, followed by the reconciliation of the two families at the feast on the following day.36 Nevertheless, the story of how Demeter’s daughter was carried off by Hades, of Demeter’s mourning, and of the eventual reconciliation39 acts in many respects as a mythological archetype for mortal marriages, which at that time included the carrying off of the bride by the groom while the mother mourned as if her daughter had died, followed by the reconciliation of the two families at the feast on the following day.40 Demeter can thus be regarded as the mother of all brides, who suffers as all mothers do at the loss of their daughters. However, she also had an important role in Greek religion in Thessaly, and to Poseidon, who, in his horse aspect, was also centred on the Thessalian plain.

The bridegroom and the divine messenger lead the procession. Next comes a group of four goddesses and then Dionysos (fig. 26). Although Dionysos is clearly intent on Peleus' welcome, the goddesses are not—they seem rather to look to the bride behind the closed door. These are the positions and actions one would expect of a mortal bride's parents and close relatives but for this immortal gathering Sophilos seems to have generalised the ceremony by substituting for the bride's real mother and female relatives a group of four goddesses, who all have maternal aspects, and for the father, Dionysos. This substitution of deities for the bride's proper parents and family continued on later black figure representations of heroic and “heroised” wedding processions, in which immortals also assume the roles of other mortal celebrants, notably Hermes as προαγαγός and Apollo as musical accompanist to the marriage hymn.36

It is a little difficult to be sure at first which name goes with which figure in the first pair of goddesses (fig. 26), but elsewhere on the vase Sophilos always writes the name of the figure in the background above the name of the figure in the foreground, so it is reasonable to assume that the goddess who opens her arms in a moving gesture of greeting is in fact Demeter. Her prominent position and gesture suggest that it is Demeter who is shown along with Dionysos, as Thetis' substitute parent. Neither Dionysos nor Demeter, however, is included among the five deities invoked in the Greek marriage ceremony, nor does either receive any offerings before it;37 in fact Demeter is actually said by some authors to have hated marriage by reason of her daughter's experiences.38 Nevertheless, the story of how Demeter's daughter was carried off by Hades, of Demeter's mourning, and of the eventual reconciliation acts in many respects as a mythological archetype for mortal marriages, which at that time included the carrying off of the bride by the groom while the mother mourned as if her daughter had died, followed by the reconciliation of the two families at the feast on the following day.40

36. Cf. J. Boardman, BSA 47 (1952) p.34.
37. Plutarch, Rom. Quaest. 2, 264B; Diodorus Siculus, 5,73; Pollux 3,18.
38. Servius on Vergil, Aeneid 4,58 and 3,139.
39. For the story of Demeter, see especially the Homeric Hymn with N. J. Richardson's excellent commentary, The Homeric Hymn to Demeter (Oxford 1974).
and mythology as a nurse, especially as the nurse of Demophon, whom she tried to make immortal by fire, just as Thetis was to endeavour to protect her own son, Achilles but was similarly stopped.

The choice of Demeter as a substitute mother is in some ways, therefore, particularly suitable. But what of Dionysos? Perhaps the artist paired him with Demeter simply to make the point that Dionysos was the most important male guest because he brings the wine for the feast that the gods have come to attend—the wine that would be mixed in and served from the London dinos itself. Yet this does not explain why Dionysos continued to be shown on later black figure vases in the role of the “satisfied father-in-law,” as Boardman has aptly named him. We might do well, therefore, to look for any connection there might between Dionysos and Demeter. The story of Demeter and Persephone inevitably leads straight to the heart of the Mysteries; and, although Dionysos’ links with the Mysteries are rather controversial, the case seems, nevertheless, to be persuasive.

Dionysos and Demeter are occasionally associated in literature, while on a number of sixth century Athenian vases Demeter and Persephone seem to be found in the company of Dionysos, as is clearly the case on vases of the fifth and fourth centuries, by which time, if not earlier, not only were the identities of Dionysos, Iacchos, and Ploutos merging but also certain Eleusinian officials actually helped in the conduct of both the Lenaia and the Anthestheria.

The cult of Dionysos was particularly strong at Athens, and as that of Demeter grew in importance at Eleusis, there may have even been some rivalry. This rivalry must have been most apparent during the early part of the month of Anthestheria, when both the Anthestheria, the oldest festival of Dionysos at Athens, and the Lesser Mysteries were held. We do not know at what date the lesser Mysteries were first instituted, but their creation probably preceded Athens’ takeover of Eleusis, for afterwards there would have been little need to set up competing Mysteries. At first they seem to have been centred on Persephone, no doubt on her marriage in the Underworld, but after Athens’ absorption of Eleusis they may have faded into preliminary purification rites. We know equally little of the mythological content of the Anthestheria, but given its connections with the dead and with Hermes of the Underworld on the second and third days, it would seem very likely that reference was made to Dionysos’ descent into the Underworld to retrieve his mother, Semele, and to her apotheosis and renaming as Thyone. A satyr play by the fifth century dramatist Iophon seems, in fact, to have described Dionysos’ descent into the Underworld, his meeting with Hades, and the exchange of myrtle for his mother, thereby explaining the use of that plant in the Mysteries, and possibly also its use at marriages.

It is also very probable that during the Anthestheria the Athenian state celebrated the Hydrophoria, which involved an offering at the chasm near the Olympicon. Not only is this chasm in the very neighbourhood in which the Lesser Mysteries were held, but H. W. Parke has also suggested that it was originally thought to be an entrance to the Underworld, and only later became associated with Deukalion’s Flood. In the light of this, it is intriguing to recall that Aischylus wrote a play entitled Semele or the Hydrophoria. Did Aischylus set Semele’s anados at this chasm, describe her apotheosis and renaming as Thyone, and thus explain the ritual of the Hydrophoria during the Anthestheria? Since such an enactment of the anados of Semele was regularly held at Lerna, very close to the spot where the Lernaians believed that Hades carried Persephone down into the Underworld, and since we also know that at Lerna Dionysos was officially linked with Demeter and Persephone in the Mysteries, we might well presume that the same was the case at Athens. Perhaps, indeed, the Athenians thought not only that Dionysos passed through the chasm, carrying myrtle to ransom his mother but also that Demeter accompanied him in order to visit Persephone after her marriage to

41. Richardson, op.cit. p.231ff.
42. Apollodorus, Library 171, Lykoptron 178-9.
43. J. Boardman, BSA 47 (1952) 34.
45. To the list in Metzger, Recherches p.19 nos.38-40, add London B.425 (Beazley ABV 184, lower; C. Kerenyi, The Gods of the Greeks [London 1951] p.253), on which we oddly enough see some “reserved” drapery, and London 1928.9-17.1, a neck amphora on which Demeter (head covered) and Persephone (myrtle wreath), together with Hermes and another, attend Dionysos and the Basillina or Semele who ride in a chariot.
46. The later vases are discussed by Metzger, BCH 68-9 (1944-45) 296ff. and in his Représentations p.254ff. See also his Recherches p.49ff.; and Kerenyi Eleusis 155ff.
47. L. R. Farnell, The Cults of the Greek States III (Oxford 1907) 151 with note b.
50. Athens and Eleusis, J. Boardman, JHS 95 (1975) 3ff.
51. For Semele, H. Jeanmaire, Dionysos (Paris 1951) 343ff. Semele on vases, Scheidt G.44 p.46ff. On the large heads of Semele/Kore see also Bérard, op.cit. esp. p.72ff. Florence 3790 (Beazley ABV 260, 30; L. A. Stella, Mitologia Greca [Turin 1956] p.57) shows Thyone (named) beside...
Hades (celebrated in the Lesser Mysteries which fell shortly before the Anthesteraia), perhaps to bring her back. Such a belief might have led Sophilos and other artists after him to set Dionysos and Demeter in the role of substitute parents for Thetis, as she went through the initiation rite that was marriage.

Let us return from these speculations to the procession of deities on Sophilos' dinos. Beside Demeter stands Hestia, who symbolises both the hearth of Thetis' parents that she has left and the hearth of her new home. Hestia, however, also leads us into the world of the Mysteries, for it is in the fire of the hearth that Demeter tried to ensure Demophon's immortality, rather as Thetis later hoped to protect Achilles. A παίς άφετες μηθοίς seems to have played an important role in the Mysteries, a role perhaps analogous to that of the παίς ἄμφιθαλμης at weddings. Moreover, in a lighter vein, Hestia seems to have had a connection with feasts, for in the Homeric Hymn to Hestia, we learn that she received offerings both at the beginning and at the end of mortal banquets.

The second pair of goddesses consists of Leto and Chariklo. Leto, perhaps the nearer of the two, was, like Demeter, a mother; but the important part of her story is her wandering before giving birth to Apollo, the result of people's fear of her expected son, which echoes the danger of any son of Thetis, as revealed by Themis to the gods. Leto's connection with birth in general is clearly brought out by the appeal of the Spartan girls celebrating Helen's marriage:

\[ 	ext{Λατώ μὲν δοῖ, Λατώ κουροτρόφος, ἕμιν. ἑπεκνίαν.} \]

Chariklo was a less important figure in divine circles, but as the wife of the centaur Cheiron she was to be Achilles' foster-mother.

After these two pairs of goddesses comes Dionysos and, behind him, Hebe (fig. 27). She is the epitome of youth and also the wine-pourer of the gods, hence her juxtaposition with Dionysos. Wine was also a giver of youth and strength. Next come Cheiron and Themis (fig. 28) focusing attention on the future son of Thetis—Cheiron as foster-father and Themis as the revealer of the secret about him. Cheiron's catch would no doubt have been appreciated at the feast, like Dionysos' wine. Themis seems to have had a certain precedence at divine feasts, while her special sceptre may allude to her role as the convenor of divine assemblies, a role emphasised here perhaps because Solon had recently introduced the new Council of Four Hundred.

After Themis the procession changes into a parade of chariots accompanied by groups of women on foot—Horai, Charites, Mousai, and Moirai—all staunch members of divine pageants. Three Nymphs head the parade, then comes the chariot of Zeus and Hera. This pair is the obvious choice for the first chariot, the king and queen of the gods, the divine couple of the Hieros Gamos. The second chariot contains Poseidon and his wife Amphitrite. Poseidon, like Zeus, was a suitor of Thetis until Themis' warning. This pair of chariots forms the visual centrepiece of the first side view of the dinos (fig. 15).

In the third chariot come Ares and Aphrodite (fig. 31), and in the fourth Hermes and Apollo (fig. 32). This pair of chariots, which dominates the back of the vase, is accompanied by the Muses (fig. 17). Apollo sings the gaiety hymnos as he strums the kithara, and one Muse plays the syrinx, while the rest perhaps join in the chorus. All is music and festivities, as in the scene painted by the poet of the Homeric Hymn to Apollo.

The end of the procession is made up of the chariot of Athena and Artemis, virgins both, and a motley crew of slow-moving stragglers (fig. 19). Okeanos, progenitor of the gods, is given both aquatic and terrestrial attributes, a fish-tail and a bull-horn, as well as a fish in one hand and a snake in the other. This combination alludes perhaps to Okeanos' role as the great river encompassing the earth. His wife, Tethys, who walks close behind, is accompanied by the Muses, as he strums the kithara, and one Muse plays the syrinx, while the rest perhaps join in the chorus. All is music and festivities, as in the scene painted by the poet of the Homeric Hymn to Apollo.

60. R. Flacelière, Daily Life in Greece at the time of Pericles (London 1965) p.63 comments on the similarity between this boy's ritual phrase and some of the formulae of the Mysteries.
61. Homer Hymn to Hestia 4ff.
62. Theocritus 18,50ff.
63. Athenaeus, 10,425e.
64. Homer, Odyssey 2,68. Council of Four Hundred, Ath.Pol.9; Plutarch, Solon 18,5.
65. C. Orphic Hymn 43,7—the Moirai, Horai, and Charites accompany Persephone back to the light.
66. Homer, Hymn to Apollo, 182ff.
67. Homer, Iliad 14,20ff.
by Eileithyia—she need not hurry, for her job is still some months away. At the end rides Hephaistos on his mule, slow and ridiculous.

Alongside Sophilos' evocative treatment of the theme of Peleus' wedding should perhaps be considered its suitability to the vase's function. The procession of deities is coming to attend a marriage feast, and the dinos itself could serve the key role of mixing wine at just such a feast. In fact the vase would have made an excellent wedding gift, brought in the mortal procession on the day of the epaulia.70 Furthermore, dinoi are occasionally carried in “heroic” wedding processions on vases.71 Feasts also occurred in sanctuaries, and the dinos would have made a suitable gift for a god. Indeed Sophilos' other depiction of the marriage of Peleus and Thetis, on a vase perhaps even finer than the London dinos, since the tongues above the figured frieze have been replaced by a more complex lotus and palmette chain, was dedicated on the Acropolis. Such a dinos was presumably intended to decorate the public dining rooms (εστιατόρια)72 where symposia were held at festivals, for wine used in libations to the gods was unmixed. Finally, meals seem to have accompanied burials, so that a dinos would have made a suitable offering in or at a tomb, especially in Etruria where the deceased was sometimes laid out as if at a symposium. These three types of customer were surely in Sophilos' mind when he chose the scene for his dinos. The fact that both the Acropolis and London dinoi ended up in suitable contexts (sanctu-

70. Epaulia: RE sv. Epaulia (Thalheim) and Hochzeit (Heckenbach); L. Deubner, JdI 15 (1900) 144ff. See also now J. H. Oakley, AA 1982, 13ff.
73. For discussion of painter and market see further my remarks in JhBM 24 (1982) p.28.
74. A. Stewart, "Stesichoros and the François Vase," a paper delivered at Madison (1981, Acta forthcoming). I am very grateful to Dr. Stewart who kindly let me see his typescript.
75. A. Rumpf, Gnomon 25 (1953) 470.
77. North VI; F. Brommer, Der Parthenonfries (Mainz 1977) pl.58.
Before leaving the figured scene on the London dinos, we ought perhaps to discuss what external influences may have played a part in its formation. The possibility of the influence of a poem by Stesichoros has been recently raised by Andrew Stewart. He combines Rumpf's suggestion that the amphora carried by Dionysos on the François vase is the golden amphora given by Dionysos to Thetis and by her to her son to receive his ashes with the observations that Kleitias has labeled one of the Muses Stesichore instead of Terpsichore and that a scholiast on a passage in the Iliad refers to Stesichoros' description of the golden amphora and, therefore, suggests that both Sophilos' dinos and the François vase are dependent on an epitaphalium for Peleus and Thetis by Stesichoros. Rumpf's theory was based on the fact that the amphora on the François vase has no lid and is held at too great an angle to contain liquid. Vases depicted on vases, however, rarely have lids, while the angle to the vertical at which the amphora is held is not much greater than that of the hydriae held by the youths on the Parthenon frieze. Indeed, it seems much more likely, given the "SOS" decoration of the neck, that Kleitias intends to show Dionysos coming to the feast with both the vine and its product—in particular the Attic variety. (He may already have had a drink or two himself on the way, hence his peculiar gait and his lack of concern over any possible spillage.)

A second possible source for Sophilos' inspiration is free painting. Around the same time as or a little before the London dinos and other grand works of Sophilos' mature years, a change comes over Corinthian vases, already the source of so much in Attic vase painting of the beginning of the sixth century. Humfry Payne noted that the painters of large vases modified their technique by admitting more silhouette work, while also beginning to choose new themes, and he went on to suggest that this might have been due to the influence of free painting. Sophilos not only follows this trend among Corinthian vase painters but actually goes further, adopting some technical details, especially the use of red to outline the white which he has laid directly on the clay ground, the writing of inscriptions in red instead of black, and the use of titles for scenes, all of which seem to point to direct, personal knowledge of free painting, presumably Corinthian. There are, it would seem, three possible conclusions that one could draw from these observations. Either Sophilos visited Corinth (perhaps because of personal connections), or Corinthian panels were exported to Athens, or the welcome that Solon offered to foreign craftsmen was taken up by some Corinthian painters, whose work was studied with interest by Sophilos and some of his companions. If an actual Corinthian painting representing the procession of the gods to the house of Peleus was set up at Athens in the early years of the sixth century, it may have captured Sophilos' imagination. But it was unlikely to have served as the source for the design of the frieze, since that is tailored to the vase; nor is it likely to have provided many of the details for the order of the procession, since Attic religion and the function of the vase itself seem to have played an important role in the painter's choice.

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Figure 36. Kyllenios Painter's dinos and stand, detail of dinos. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum 81.AE.211 and 82.AE.86.

Sophilos was not a careful draughtsman, especially when painting animals, which unfortunately dominated his output. His multifigured scenes, however, are full of colourful charm and a cheerful vitality. As an artist, Sophilos stands close to the Gorgon Painter, his senior and perhaps his teacher. Something of a workshop tradition seems to pass from Sophilos, through painters of the late 570's and early 560's like the Camtar Painter and the Painter of London B.76, both of whom wrote their inscriptions in red, on through the Tyrrenian Group. Lydos owed his origins to this tradition, but as he outgrew it, it died.

The London dinos shows us Sophilos at the peak of his powers but also at a crossroads. He introduced a series of wonderful narrative scenes with some unusual technical details but was still fettered by the traditional animal friezes. His technical innovations, which brought him closer to free painting and which were admirably suited to his loose, somewhat spontaneous style, were not widely adopted; and he soon fell back on simple animal friezes, overtaken perhaps by his contemporaries and juniors. Their miniaturist styles consolidated the black figure technique as a vase painter's idiom and, thereby, effectively closed off vase painting from any future participation of a direct nature in the developments to be achieved in the freer medium of large-scale painting, at least until the vase painters reopened the door by experimenting with a white ground.

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87. London B. 601.26fr.; as note 85.
89. For these painters see Beazley ABV 84 ff. Also Boardman ABFV p.35 ff.
90. For the Tyrrenian Group, see note 22 and Boardman op.cit. p.36 ff.
1. A NEW FRAGMENT BY THE NETTOS PAINTER

Commenting on a krater fragment with a siren by the Nettos Painter, Beazley noted: "There must have been a pair of them, confronted." A new fragment of an amphora, presented to the J. Paul Getty Museum by an anonymous donor (fig. 1), also depicts two sirens, but instead of the usual heraldic decoration, this is a monumental tableau. While one of the sirens stares rapaciously forward, the other bends toward the first one's feet, in a very bird-like attitude. Both appear rather as demonic figures from the dark age of saga than as well-tamed lady birds. For a better appreciation of the grandiose image realized here by the magnus parens of Attic vase painting, an attempt to reestablish its original appearance by Zdravko Barov (fig. 2) is presented next to the photograph of the unretouched piece.

2. AMASIS AND TALEIDES

Several years ago, the J. Paul Getty Museum acquired a black figure lekythos signed by Amasis as potter under the foot (fig. 3). His signature also occurs in this location on a fragment without painted decoration but corresponding well to his other signed vases. This is not the case with the Getty lekythos. While the antiquity of the signature is beyond doubt, the lettering is not by Amasis. Closer scrutiny reveals it to be the handwriting of Taleides, and the Taleides Painter is also responsible for the drawing (boxers between onlookers on the shoulders, enthroned king in the middle of his suite on the body).

Beazley has already observed that an oinochoe signed by Taleides as potter is akin to another by Amasis. The same is true about the lekythoi from both workshops. Perhaps the two craftsmen sat close together, and one day one used, authorized or not, the name of his companion. It may have been a friendly joke, or, less probably, a mocking provocation. Whatever the circumstances, it seems probable that only two people were involved in the story and not four. Thus the idea that the Amasis Painter is identical with Amasis the potter and the Taleides Painter with Taleides the potter becomes still more plausible, even if not fully documented.

3. THE MADRID PAINTER AND THE SAPPHO PAINTER

For a fragment of a funerary black figure pinax (fig. 4), Beazley accepted Boardman's attribution to the Sappho Painter. But the profiles of the men appear very close to the heads by the Madrid Painter (especially on the beautiful amphora ex-Castle Ashby and those on the name piece). The conclusion that the Sappho Painter is but a late phase of the Madrid Painter appears inevitable; the whole group deserves further study.

Malibu

1. Para. 3.15.
2. Dev. 15f.
3. Acc. no. 81.AE.114.30; height, 23.3 cm. Under the sirens, D. von Bothmer recognized the remnants of the cable pattern; added red for the wing bar.
4. Cf. the feeding birds on the neck of the London amphora by the Nettos Painter, Para. 2.2.
5. Acc. no. 76.AE.48; height: 18.3 cm. Presented by Bruce McNall.
6. ABV 157, bottom.
8. The glaze turned to a great extent to chocolate red. The surface prickled abundantly (because of the oil contained); added red for many details; added white (mostly faded) for female flesh.
9. ABV 176.1.
10. Because of this evidence of one man signing with the name of another, the homonymy of Douris and the Triptolemos Painter is less probable (cf. the comments of Beazley, Potter and Painter 4If.; D. von Bothmer kindly informed me of the second example in his collection, signed by Douris and attributed to the Triptolemos Painter by R. Guy).
11. Of course, the Taleides Painter did decorate one vase signed by Timagoras the potter, ABV 174.7.
12. Acc. no. 80.AE.101; 12.6 cm. x 12.65cm. x 1.2-1.7cm. (top rim partially preserved). Presented by Malcolm Wiener.
13. Para. 247, middle, with previous bibliography, especially for the inscription.
14. ABV 329.5; CVA Castle Ashby, pls.9-10; Christie's, 2 July 1980, lot 95.
15. ABV 329.2.
Figure 1. Fragment from the neck of an amphora by the Nettos Painter. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum 81.AE.114.30.

Figure 2. Retouched photograph of figure 1 by Z. Barov.
Figure 3a. Black figure lekythos by the Taleides Painter, signed by Amasis as potter. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum 76.AE.48.

Figure 3b. Other view of figure 3a.

Figure 3c. Other view of figure 3a.

Figure 3d. Shoulders of figure 3a.

Figure 3e. Signature of Amasis under the foot of figure 3a.
Figure 4. Fragment of a black figure pinax by the Madrid Painter. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum 80.AE.101.
A New Exekian Fragment

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In 1978, a small fragment of a black figure vase was presented to the J. Paul Getty Museum by Bruce McNall (fig. 1). It preserves part of the figure of a hoplite, facing right, and can be attributed on stylistic grounds to Exekias.

The hoplite, who seems to be identified by the inscription AKAPAL as one of the sons of Theseus, wears a black "Corinthian" helmet which probably had a stilted crest; the crown is marked off by an incised line, along which are vestiges of an overlaid stripe of red paint. The usual incised fringe of beard hangs below the cheek piece, curly at the front and straight towards the back. The shield, seen from the inside as it is carried on the hoplite's left arm, is compass-drawn, with an incised line marking the circumference, another parallel line a little way in from the edge to mark off the rim, and a third parallel line at a similar distance beyond the outer edge, as if Exekias had originally planned a slightly larger shield. Incised lines indicate the handgrip, which is suggestive of plaited thongs, perhaps of leather.

The hoplite wears no body armor but is naked to the waist. He wears a short kilt with an incised chequerboard pattern and a fringe along the hem. The front (or perhaps it is the side) of the kilt is pinned up; it may be worth comparing the shortening of the side pleats of Achilles' tunic towards the front on the obverse of the London neck amphora (B210) and the similar effect on the tunic of the man lifting Achilles' corpse—surely Ajax—on the obverse of the Philadelphia amphora 3442. Perhaps this was a practical consideration in the turmoil of battle where flapping skirts might prove an encumbrance, rather than just the usual late Archaic attempt to show the hemline of a pleated garment.

Of the hoplite's anatomy, little is preserved. However, there is sufficient to allow comparison with other vases. The eye is rather scratchily incised: the inner ring does not form a complete circle, and the incised triangles to either side do not "grow" from the outer circle as they do on the latest Exekian vases, such as the Vatican amphora (344) and the London neck amphora (B210), yet there is a more obvious attempt to scratch away the small area than appears, for instance, on the New York neck amphora (17.230.14 ab). The closest example is the eye of Ajax on the obverse of the Boulogne amphora (558), but on its own this detail does not provide a secure dating criterion, since in all but his latest works, Exekias tends to show little consistent development in his representation of such details of anatomy.

The torso provides a little more evidence: it was represented in profile, and while this in itself is not of particular significance, since even on some of the earliest vases there are profile torsos, yet the incised lines link the fragment with one of the amphorae at Orvieto (Faina 77). Certainly

1. Acc. no. 78.AE.305, consisting of two fragments, cleanly joined; the diagonal from bottom left to top right measures 11.0 cm. Dr. Jiří Frel, to whom I am indebted for information and encouragement, suggests that they were originally part of a one piece amphora. (Attrib. Frel.)

2. The attribution is supported by such generalized observations as the angle of the nose to the forehead and to the upper lip, the swell of the pectoral muscle, the casual expertise in the representation of the left hand, and even the neat and regular letters of the inscription. More specific comment is offered below.

3. Compare A. Snodgrass, Arms and Armour of the Greeks, Thames and Hudson (1967) 94. There were several instances of added red on the fragment, but now only vestiges remain: around the eye-opening of the helmet (unusual in the works of Exekias), around the incised circle marking the nipple, and now only vestiges remain: around the eye-opening of the helmet (unusual in the works of Exekias), around the incised circle marking the nipple, and around the inner rim of the shield.

4. Compare the handgrip on the shield carried by Diomedes on Exekias' krater in the Agora museum (AK 1168, AP 1044), and also the second handgrip on the shield carried by the anonymous warrior on the Orvieto amphora (Faina 77). For vases cited in this article, see J.D. Beasley, Attic Black-figure Vase-painters (Oxford, 1956), 143–146, and Paralipomena (Oxford, 1971), 59–61.
Figure 1. Fragment of a black figure one piece amphora by Exekias. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum 78.AE.305.

it may not be grouped with the latest series of Exekias' works, where the profile torsos presage the tortoiseshell-like pattern of a later stage in the development of anatomical representation. The ring of red around the nipple does not occur on extant vases later than the Panathenaic amphora in Karlsruhe (65.45).

The palm of the hoplite's left hand is interesting, as it is almost the same as the hand of Memnon on the London neck amphora (B209), and that of the anonymous warrior on the reverse of the Orvieto amphora (Faina 77), both of which are also gripping shields.11

The precise subject of the scene cannot be identified from this fragment. The hoplite is almost certainly to the left of centre (figures facing right tend to be to the left), and he is taking a small step forward: the wheel marks on the inside face of the fragment run almost parallel with the top edge, so that the torso is not quite vertical. It is not impossible that his right hand held a horizontal spear, but this would be unusual, as normally spears at rest are represented carried diagonally over the shoulder, while in action they are brandished aloft. It is perhaps more likely that the right hand is empty and at rest: Exekias tends to use the line of a spear to some compositional purpose, and a strong horizontal line seldom occurs in his scenes.12

A small tongue of black appears on the upper left side of the fragment; it is probably a spear-point—it is difficult to imagine what else would occur at that level with an area of reserved clay directly beneath it (to accomodate the missing S of AKAMAS). About eight millimetres above is a tiny speck of black—perhaps part of an inscription?

Any further discussion of the scene becomes purely speculative. It would be satisfying if some link could be forged between this fragment and the Exekian fragment in Lund (655) to suggest a scene involving Theseus and his sons, but this is unlikely,13 as the Lund fragment would appear to be later, in fact not long before the Vatican amphora (344), as may be seen from a comparison of the respective heads of Theseus and Tyndareos.14

As to dating, the Getty fragment seems to belong to a group of vases painted by Exekias a little before the period of his greatest masterpieces. As has been indicated above, there are affinities with amphorae in Orvieto (Faina 77), Boulogne (558), and Philadelphia (3442), belonging to a group which, on criteria not yet published, I would place comparatively a little after the middle of Exekias' painting career.

12. A horizontal spear does occur on the obverse of the Munich neck amphora, but there the heavily-burdened Ajax is obliged to hold both spear and shield in his left hand, and the horizontal line serves to give a sense of direction to an otherwise heavy and static scene. Further horizontal spears appear on the reverse of Philadelphia 3442, where they are almost totally masked by the bodies and armour of their owners.

13. The possibility cannot entirely be ruled out that the "Akamas" fragment may derive from the scene on the reverse, while the "Theseus" fragment comes from the obverse—a precedent for such a divergence in care and quality of execution may be found in the obverse and reverse scenes of both the amphora in the Louvre (F106) and the Boulobe amphora (558).

14. Their eyes are similar, as are their hairstyles; but Tyndareos' hair is more finely incised, and his ear is more developed—in Exekias' latest works such details provide a more reliable set of dating criteria than in the earlier ones.

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Athletic competition and its depiction in art are among the principal contributions of the Greeks. Although the corpus of existing Greek athletic art is large, it has attracted less attention than other areas of Hellenic studies. The early pioneers in the study of athletics concentrated their efforts on the investigation of agonistic practices rather than on their artistic representations. While athletic art served as visual documentation of literary references for the early students in the field, the factual value of these art objects has remained inconclusive. These conditions have led to certain misconceptions concerning the intentions of Greek artists. These intentions vary according to artist, school, technique, medium, and date of production. An understanding of the peculiar language of Greek athletic art requires these factors to be analyzed in isolation and in conjunction with one another. This article characterizes the athletic contests of an Attic black figure vase painter, Painter N, who was employed in the famed pottery workshop of Nicosthenes. The initial stimulus for this research was provided by a recent acquisition by the J. Paul Getty Museum of a neck amphora decorated with boxers by Painter N (figs. 1 and 2).

The Malibu neck amphora is of the special Nicosthenic variety, with broad ribbon handles connecting the lip and the shoulder of the vessel. Seven areas on the pot are isolated for painted decoration. Dolphins appear on the inside of the lip; tripods fill the space on the exterior of the handles, two pairs of boxers are shown on the neck; youths holding eyebrows while sitting on stools are on the shoulder, with the signature of Nicosthenes to the side of one youth. There are three bands of design: a maeander pattern below the shoulder, and lower down on the vessel, a frieze of rays. These figures and patterns occur in a variety of positions on other Nicosthenic neck amphorae. The free and repetitive use of these subjects, along with satyrs and maenads, animals, youths, men and woman drinking, and athletes, implies that they are decorative rather than narrative. Such an assumption, while largely accurate, masks the inherent innovation and character of the athletic scenes.

The athletic subjects depicted by Painter N are preserved on thirteen neck amphorae and a cup. Scenes of boxers and wrestlers predominate: twenty-nine pairs of boxers and four pairs of wrestlers overshadow the one composition illustrating two foot races and three pentathletes. This unusually large assemblage of similar subjects by the same artist deserves careful scrutiny.

Clearly Painter N specialized in boxers; at least one such event forms part of the decoration of each of the vases, with athletic subjects listed below. Several characteristics of these contests are typical of his work throughout the course of his career: the representation of youths in compe-

1. This article has grown from a chapter on boxing from my doctoral dissertation, Athletic Contests in Archaic Greek Art (Chicago, 1977). I wish to thank Jett Friel for allowing me to study the Nicosthenic vase in the J. Paul Getty Museum and for his kindness and directive remarks in Athens and Malibu. I am also grateful to Mark Davies for reading the manuscript of this article and providing some helpful comments.

2. The early pioneers in the study of Greek athletics were J. H. Krause, Julius Jüthner and E. Norman Gardiner. Their most important works are: Krause, Die Gymnastik und Agonistik der Hellenen (1841); Die Pythien und Olympien (1841); Olympia (1838); Jüthner, Über antike Tur¬ngeräthe (1896); Philostratus, Über Gymnastik (1909); Die Athletischen Leibübungen Des Griechen (1915), II (1965), II (1968), with a review by Oscar Bronner in AJA 75 (1971), 102; Gardiner, Athletic Sports and Festivals (1910); Athletics of the Ancient World (1930), with a bibliography including many of his own articles in JHS.

To these works may be added: A. Furtwängler, Die Bedeutung der Gymnastik in der griechischen Kunst (1905); B. Schröder, Der Sport im Alten¬m (1927); Carl Blumel, Sport und Spiel der Griechen und Römern (1934); Sport der Hellenen (1936); J. Ebert, Zum Pentathlon der Antike (1963); H. A. Harris, Greek Athletes and Athletics (1964); Sport in Greece and Rome (1972); N. Yalouris, The Olympic Games (1976); S. G. Miller, Arete (1979); and T. Scanlon, A Bibliography For Greek And Roman Athletics (forthcoming).

3. Gardiner and Jüthner relied heavily on vase paintings to aid them in reconstructing athletic practices. Harris is less trusting of Greek art as a source of factual information: "Painters so insensitive to the fundamental syntax of physical movement can hardly be regarded as sound authorities for the subtlest details of athletic techniques," Greek Athletics and Athletics, 30.


Figure 1. Neck amphora by Painter N. Malibu 68.AE.19.
tition (vases 1,3,4,6–13) and the inclusion of prize vessels for the victors (vases 3,4,8,10–13). Other stylistic distinctions developed or changed during his career and helped to define Painter N as an artist. Four types of characteristics distribute themselves into two groups. Group I and Group II characteristics refer to two different approaches in the depiction of boxers. They be summarized as follows:

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All the athletic vases known by the author to be the work of Painter N are listed below, with descriptions of the athletic scenes. These vases have been arranged according to subject matter, not in strict chronological order. Vases 1–5 are decorated according to the scheme of Group I characteristics while vases 10–13 reflect the characteristics of Group II. Vases 6–9 may not be so clearly designated. Vases 7 and 9 split their affinities between the two groups, yet vases 6 and 8 conform more strongly with the vases 10–13 and Group II. All the vases except 1 and 8 are Nicosthenic neck amphorae.

7. Only the panekration is missing. T.B.L. Webster, Potter and Patron in Classical Athens (1972) 197, places an amphora by the Amasis Painter in Berlin as the earliest example of a multiple palaestra athletic scene: Berlin 3210 (ABV 151.21). Earlier examples exist: Geneva MF 156, Tyrrhenian neck amphora (D. von Bothmer, Amazoni in Greek Art (1957) pl.12; ABV 99.49).
8. See infra note 45.
They exchange blows at close quarters, their legs straight, displaying little movement; their monumentality recalls the larger work by the BMN Painter. The generous space of the shoulder frieze allows a judge and an athlete to bracket the boxers.

3. Vienna 3604. I various (figs. 4–9). The athletes of this pot, like the previous one, are placed on the body; there are three pairs of boxers and wrestlers. The many officials are grouped as though standing along the fringe of the competition in a designated area. The contestants are represented at various stages of competition. One pair of wrestlers has just begun combat, meeting at the foreheads and grabbing each other’s wrists (fig. 5). The most carefully drawn pair shows a more advanced stage of the match: the competitor at the left is on top and in control of his opponent (fig. 6). In the third pair of wrestlers, one youth has secured a strong hold around the chest of his opponent, whose hands are raised as if in defeat at the end of the match (fig. 7).

Two youthful boxers stand on either side of a prize dinos at the initial encounter of a bout (fig. 8). Two bearded antagonists are at a more developed stage: the athlete on the right is delivering a blow to the stomach of the other (fig. 7). One of the third pair is about to strike the other’s chin...
Figure 5. Detail of Vienna 3604. Wrestlers.

Figure 6. Detail of Vienna 3604. Wrestlers.

Figure 7. Detail of Vienna 3604. Boxers and wrestlers.

Figure 8. Detail of Vienna 3604. Boxers.

(fig. 9); the judge at the left points to him, as if to award the winner prematurely.

On the following three vases the boxers appear on the shoulders of neck amphorae.

4. Rome Vatican 364. Thiasos Group.16

On both sides of the pot youthful boxers are flanked by young horsemen. The prize column kraters between the contestants do not keep them apart; they rush at one another, aiming blows with both open and closed hands.

5. Kansas City 52-220. Thiasos Group (fig. 10).17

These mature boxers compete between seated judges located on both sides of the shoulders of the pot. No prize is present, but himantes are clearly indicated on all hands. The contestants lean into their thrusting punches as they

14. For Greek Boxing: Jüthner, Tunerathe op.cit. (supra note 2) 65-95; Gardiner, Sports and Festivals 420ff; idem, Athletics, 197 ff; op.cit. (supra note 2); Jüthner and Mehl, Pygme in PW Suppl. IX (1962) 1306-1352; Harris, Athletes 97 ff. op.cit. (supra note 2); W.H. Cook, Boxing in Greek Art and Literature, Johns Hopkins dissertation, 1940; T. Scanlon, op.cit. (supra note 2) H. Boxing.

15. Gardiner, Athletics op.cit. (supra note 2) 204, ruled out blows to the body. Harris counters in Sport, 23, 24 op.cit. (supra. note 2).


land blows on the jaws of one another.

6. Rome, Vatican 362. Torlonia Group (fig. 11).^{18}

The boxers are similar to those on the vase in Kansas City in stance and arrangement; palmettes instead of judges are near the handles. The competitors here are younger and more energetic. The right boxer implies close contention before actual contact as he runs in to the left.

On the rest of the vases the athletes decorate the necks of the amphorae.

7. Baltimore, Archeological Society.^{19}

The boxers on both sides of the pot fill the neck region efficiently, leaving no room for observers. The presence of himantes, the lack of a prize, and the spirit of the encounters resemble the pugilists on the Kansas City vase, but the stiff, angular gestures of the figures, along with the unusual decorative patternwork on the body of the pot, are unique.

8. Tarquinia RC 1076. Small neck amphora.^{20}

The athletes on this pot resemble the boxers on vases 2, 3, and 5 with their beards and himantes, but their placement and the inclusion of a prize bronze tripod are related more to boxing scenes painted on vases 10—13. The tripods separate the contestants by a considerable distance; the contentious atmosphere is evoked by the running or rushing attitudes of the boxers.


20. Hoppin, op.cit. (supra note 6) 197; CVA 2 [26] pl.30 [1179] 5,6; Sweet, op.cit. (supra note 18) 277; ABV 213.59 and 690; Para. 104.

21. Hoppin, op.cit. (supra note 6) 289 no.73; Giroux, RA (1966) fig. 14—20; Revue du Louvre (1967) 38, fig. 3; ABV 225.9; Para. 105.

22. An article of clothing, hanging on the wall, is placed between the two boxers where the prize is often shown.

23. Wiener Vorlageblätter (1890-1) pl.3, 1a-k; Hoppin, op.cit. (supra note 6) 271; ABV 217.8; Para. 104.

24. Sotheby, 29 November 1965, pl. at p.58; Eisman, op.cit. (supra note 4) passim; Para. 106.


26. R. Lullies, Griechische Kunstwerke (1968) 50—52; Ars Antiqua AG, Auktion III, 29 April 1961, Luzern, pl.38; Para. 105.43bis.

27. Hoppin, op.cit. (supra note 6) 292 no.84; ABV 224.1.

28. ABV 217; Eisman, op.cit. (supra note 4) 44.

29. For the eyes on the Malibu and Aachen amphorae see Eisman, op.cit. (supra note 4) 45.

Figure 10. Neck amphora, by Painters N. Kansas City 52-22.

out his career. For example, vases 6 and 10 share Group II characteristics and belong to the Torlonia Group of Painter N, an early stage in the career of the artist. Also early Painter N are vases 1–3, but they are painted with boxers exhibiting Group I characteristics. Perhaps a more sensitive conclusion for this distribution into two groups suggests that the artist shifted his emphasis over time from one group to the other, or from Group I to Group II. The Group I characteristics appear to be associated with the early work of Painter N. On the other hand, Group II characteristics, while created early in the career of the artist, are more frequently represented in his later work.29

The Group I characteristics of Painter N are in keeping with the traditional manner of representing boxers in the 530's.30 Group II characteristics are, however, alien to the conventional manner of depicting pugilists in black figure of the 530's and 520's, and of early red figure. Lace black figure and early red figure boxers are usually represented in elaborate palaestra scenes with observers and other athletic events.31 There is also a tendency in these works to emphasize close and bloody combat. Prize tripods and cauldrons are occasionally included to define the games as official, yet...
they are increasingly out of place in the atmosphere of the training schools. The consistent emphasis of Group II characteristics during a period of innovation along other paths for vase painters suggests that Painter N was in part responsible for his own contribution to athletic scenes.

One of Painter N’s most striking attributes is the intense activity of his boxers. Agitated movements are common in his non-athletic figures, suggesting that such activity represents his pictorial style (fig. 10). However, his interest in depicting specific details of athletic iconography indicates athletic rather than stylistic meaning in the lateral movement of his boxers.

Such movement may also express offensive and defensive maneuvers. It was said that Melanchomas, an Olympic boxing champion, was never defeated; he won without striking a blow merely by outlasting his opponents. But that kind of offensive defense requires a more active use of the feet than the arms and would imply an ability to move in all directions. The boxers by painter N move in one direction, forward—that is, toward one another—the kind of movement associated with an offensive drive toward the opponent in landing a punch.

Legend and literature support the idea of such a style. In the fight between Amycus and Polydeuces, Amycus wins by charging his foe. Similarly during the funeral games for Patroclus, Homer sings of the swift power of Epéios as he defeats Euryalus for the boxing prize (Iliad 23, 685-691).

do țε ζοσαμένυ βήτην ες μέσσον άιγών, ἀντά δ' ἀνασταμένω χειρὶ σταμάτησιν ἀμι' ἀμιῳ σην ρ' ἔπεον, σῶν δ' ἄφροι βαρείας χειρὶς ἐμεῖν. δεινός δ' ἡρμάδως γενών γένετ', ἔπεε δ' ἅπτετ δάντην εκ μελεὼν: ἐπ' δ' ὄρνυτο δίος Ἕπείος, κοιλεὶ δ' παρατάνει πορνήν οὖν ἄφρ' ἐπ' ἐπὶ δὴν ἐκτείκειν' ἀυτοῦ γὰρ ὑπήρθησε σαιδίμα γοῦ.

The two boxers begin apart, draw closer for combat, and then Epéios runs in (ὀπυυεῖο) to deliver the victorious blow. The same verb, ὀρυκτα, is commonly used in the Iliad to describe warriors rushing to attack their opponents in battle, often with spear in hand. The association between boxers and warriors is also common in art. The figure type of many early sixth century B.C. boxes is quite like that of a warrior without his spear and shield. The arms are in the same positions, their gestures symbolic; the front arm is defensive and probing, while the rear arm remains ready for the offensive strike.

Painter N was able to impart a remarkable degree of vitality, accuracy, and intricate detail in athletic scenes otherwise marked by a mediocre level of aesthetic achievement. The study of such an artist of lesser ability is especially rewarding when investigations reveal new information regarding athletic iconography. At the same time questions arise to the function and purpose of these sporting compositions. A discussion of the intended use of Painter N’s athletic subjects should begin with his exclusive partnership with Nikosthenes. Nikosthenes’ long career, from 540 to 510 B.C., spans the transition in Attic vase painting from mature to late black figure and the introduction of red figure. During this time he employed a number of black figure and red figure painters of uneven calibre, who also happened to have acquired a clear interest in athletic subjects.

One of the earliest black figure artists to work for Nikosthenes, and perhaps the best, was Lydos. His involvement with athletic iconography is well documented; nine vases with thirteen scenes of runners, boxers, and wrestlers are preserved. One of these, a fragment from a Panathenaic amphora in Chicago, is decorated with a foot race that indicates both Lydos’ experience and his commitment to athletic subjects. The only Lydos vase of athletic decoration securely connected with Nikosthenes is a Little Master band cup in Oxford with two groups of wrestlers painted on the exterior. Lydos captures the forward lean...
of the combatants as they grab each other’s arms at the beginning of the match. The delicate hands and feet are stylistic traits of the artist, yet seem at first to appear incongruous on these paunchy mature men. Such sharp features, augmented by the animation of their expressions and the interest of the spectators, enhance the competitors’ intentness. While no immediate outcome of the match is conveyed, these wrestlers portray the spirited grandeur of a heroic duel.

Shortly after Lydos, another black figure vase painter, the BMN Painter, can be shown to have had an even closer relationship with Nikosthenes. Four pots with athletic subjects—two small neck amphorae, an oinochoe, and two band cups—have been attributed to his hand. The signature of Nikosthenes appears on the name vase in London. Boxers and wrestlers appear on opposite sides of body and neck, an unusual attempt to fill both main and subsidiary zones of a black figure pot with athletic subjects. The bold silhouettes of mannered contestants are enlivened by gory details; the blood spurting from the nose and mouth of two boxers indicates a bout that has progressed to a mature stage.

Two small neck amphorae of the Bellerophon shape, in Florence and Berlin, link the artist of these two vessels with the BMN Painter and with Nikosthenes. The Berlin amphora illustrates a foot race on one side and a pair of wrestlers on the other side of the body (fig. 12). The unusually upright stance and the lack of movement of the wrestlers reinforce the massive volume of these athletes. Although the Berlin amphora displays little in athletic narrative, it succeeds in conveying the character type of the wrestler.

One of the more important black figure artists in the late sixth century involved with athletics was the Euphiletos Painter. Two of his hydriae were signed by Pamphaios, the younger partner of Nikosthenes. The London hydria

in Taranto: 4362, 4492, and 20274 (CVA 3[35]pl.18(1561)1-4, pl.19(1562)1,2 ABV 113.72,73; Para. 46) Shouldered lekythos in Riehen K. Schefold, Meisterwerke griechischer Kunst (1960) 159,139; ABV 111.41; Para. 44); Boxers: Ceramicus, hydria (Detl. 18 ii pl.25,2; Para. 45); Wrestlers: Athens, Ac. 1492 (Graef pl.80; ABV 113.82); Oxford 1966.768, frag. band cup (Boardman, Black-Figure op.cit. supra note 5) pl.70; ABV 113.80, 220 top; Para. 45, 108.

Figure 12. Neck amphora. Wrestlers. Detail of Berlin 3985.

depicts a racing chariot and horseman on the shoulder frieze. The Euphiletos Painter is best known for having been the first known artist to receive a major commission to produce the prize Panathenaic amphorae for the games in honor of Athena. The variety and complexity of agonistic subjects on the fourteen existing Panathenaic amphorae by this artist are the equal to any comparable works in the sixth century. Toward the end of the century several black figure artists were employed to decorate the kyathoi of Nikosthenes. On two kyathoi the Painter of Vatican 480 depicted boxers that recall the spirit of Painter N.

Painter N was one of the last black figure artists to work for Nikosthenes. At this time Nikosthenes was enlisting some of the better red figure artists to paint in his workshop, including, Oltos, Epiktetos, and the Nikosthenes Painter. Ten vases with agonistic contests by Oltos are preserved. None of these vases are directly connected with Nikosthenes although three vases with athletic subjects are associated with Pamphaiois. The athletes and trainers on the psykter in New York reflect the concern of this artist, and of other early red figure vase painters, with scenes of pentathletes

and details of human relationships to many-figured athletic scenes. The runners who look back at their opponents on Lydos’ cups in Taranto divide the compositions into two, op.cit. supra note 40).

44. ABV 226; Boardman, Black figure op.cit. supra note 5) 64.

45. London neck amphora B295 (Jüthner, Leibesübungen) op. cit. supra note 2,1, pl. 10; ABV 226.1; Para. 106; Warsaw 147664, neck amphora (CVA 1[4] pl.18(1471)-5; Para. 107.5 bis); Munich 1757, oinochoe, shape 1 (ABV 227.9, Para. 107); Rome, Villa Giulia 50472, band cup (P. Mignazini Vasi della Collezione Cassellani (1930) pl.91.2; ABV 227.16); Basel Market, lip cup (ABV 228.3, near the BMN Painter).

46. Florence (ABV 228.6); Berlin 1985 (ABV 228.5).

47. Dr. Rhode kindly informed me that the Berlin neck amphora no longer exists. A description is given in A. Furtwängler, Beschreibung der Vasensammlung im Antiquarium Berlin (1885) 1008.

48. On the Euphiletos Painter: ABV 321; Para. 142; Beazley Development p.91—92.

49. London B 300; ABV 324.39; CVA pl.74,1 and pl.75,1; Cab. Méd 254, ABV 324.38; CVA pl.58, 3-4 and 8 and pl.59.
rather than with the subjects of boxers, wrestlers, and foot racers so popular in archaic black figure. The strong uncluttered figure style of Oltos was well adapted to the depiction of athletes. The New York pentathletes handle their implements with the convincing attitude of seasoned athletes guided by expert trainers.55

The existing works of Epiktetos include nine athletic cups and another in his manner. The exquisitely drawn competitors of Epiktetos are portrayed in some of the most successful compositions of kinetic energy since the work of Lydos. The acontist on a kylix signed by Pamphaioi in Berlin sprints with his javelin carried high during the approach run; he conveys the authority of an athlete who was also accomplished in running, a required event in the pentathlon.56

Five athletic vases by the Nikosthenes Painter are decorated with awkward yet energetic competitors. The pentathletes on a pyxis in the Villa Giulia, signed by Nikosthenes, and the athletic cup in Tarquinia, signed by Pamphaioi, lack the stature of Oltos and the finesse of Epiktetos, yet are successful in other ways. On the Tarquinia cup the Nikosthenes Painter, in portraying a runner, three pentathletes, a pair of boxers, a flute player, and a trainer, has managed to capture the ambience of a crowded gymnasium setting.57

With the exceptions of the BMN Painter and Painter N, the vase painters mentioned above were guest artists in the Nikosthenes/Pamphaioi workshop. Thus the bulk of their work and of their athletic vases were produced outside the workshop. The fact that the guest artists painted athletic subjects is not in itself unusual, as this topic is one of the most popular in the sixth century.58 Nevertheless the guest artists, and Painter N depicted more of these subjects in an innovative and ambitious fashion than was the norm.

Individually these artists may have determined that agonistic subjects would be especially popular illustrations on vases during a period of tremendous growth in the national and local athletic festivals, and especially with the reorganization of the Panathenaic festival in Athens.59 At the same time Nikosthenes may have encouraged them to portray athletic scenes for his vases. This seems to have been the case with the resident artist, Painter N, who we have seen painted athletic subjects during the entire span of his career. If these had been unpopular in Caere in 530 B.C., there would have been no incentive to continue painting them for another twenty years. In part this may also have been the case for the guest artists. All the guest artists produced at least one athletic vase for Nikosthenes, and these pots seem to have ended up on the export market.60

50. ARV 322, 1–12; Para. 142 bottom; See also Jiří Frel, Panathenaic Prize Amphorae (1973).
51. For the association of kyathos painters with the workshop of Nikosthenes, see M. Eiseman, Attic Kyathos Painters, dissertation, 1971, and his article, Getty MJ 1 (1975) 48–49 and notes 33–35, 37. The Painter of Vatican 480 kyathoi: Vatican 481 (C. Albizzati, op. cit. (supra note 18) p.67; ABV 609.2. See the note in his dissertation, p. 87, Eiseman identifies the potter as "Nikosthenes or one of his apprentices"); Rome, Vatican (Astarita 537), (Para. 304.2bis).
52. Oltos and Nikosthenes: ARV 54.8 and 55.10,11; Epiktetos and Nikosthenes: ARV 71.8 and 77.87; Nikosthenes Painter and Nikosthenes: ARV 126.25,27 and 127.30; Also Eiseman, op.cit. (supra note 4) 48.
53. Paris F 126 (CVA 10[17] pl.1755)–8; ARV 55.13; Rome, Vatican, (Astarita 46) (ARV 55.19); Rome, Vatican (Astarita 492) (ARV 55.22); Oxford 515 (CVA 1[13] pl.5[97]1,2; ARV 56.27); Once Noel Des Vergers 137 (Noel Des Vergers, L’Etrurie et les Etrusques (1862–1864) pl.38; ARV 62.84); Heidelberg 3 (W. Kraiker, Katalog der Sammlung antiker Kleinkunst der Universität Heidelberg i, die rotfigurigen attischen Vasen (1931) pl.2; ARV 64.98); Amsterdam 2229 (CVA Scheurleer pl.6,5; ARV 124.4); Tarquinia RC2066 (E. Pfuhl, Painting at Caere (1974). Also the tombs of sixth and fifth century Pottery and Patron literature. Boardmen Red Figure, op.cit. (supra note 38) 97; ARV 127.30; Para. 333).
54. Paris G3 (CVA pl.27.1–7) (ARV 53.1); Paris G2 (CVA pl.26.1 and 3–7) (ARV 53.2) (Para. 326; Altenburg 224 (CVA pl.65 and pl.67) (ARV 55.15).
56. Orvieto, Faina 97 inv. 2581 (CVA I[14] pl.1[85])1,2; ARV 70.1; Paris 8 and Tübingen 37 (CVA I[17] pl.8[762]); ARV 71.6); Florence 2B4 (CVA pl.2B4; ARV 71.12); Paris G5 (Jüttner, Leibesübungen II, pl.28a; ARV 71.14); Berlin 2262 (Schröder, Sport pl.55,1; ARV 72.15, and 1623; Para. 328); Palermo V654 (CVA 1[4]pl.7[664]–1; ARV 74.41); Athens, Agora P24110 (ARV 76.82); Once Canino (Mus. Etr. 793) (Berlin Museum, E. Gerhard’s Apparatus of drawings, XVI. 10.3; ARV 76.83); Rome, Torlonia 158 (ARV 78); Paris C10471 (CVA 1[17] pl.l1[765]4; ARV 79.5, “Manner of Epiktetos”). Paris 594bis (ARV 80.2, and 1624.
57. The cups: Montaubon 1 (Revue du Louvre 50,51; ARV 124.2); Cambridge 1/27 (CVA 1[6]pl.26[564]1,1b; ARV 124.3); Cambridge N141 (CVA 2[2]pl.27[500]7; ARV 124.4); Tarquinia RC2066 (E. Pfuhl, Malerei und Zeichnung der Griechen (1923) fig. 349–350; ARV 126.23a); The pyxides: Rome, Villa Giulia 21099; Dresden, Olympia pl. vii; Boardmen Red Figure, op.cit. (supra note 38) 97; ARV 127.30; Para. 333)
58. Boardman, Black Figure, op.cit. (supra note 5) 211; idem Red Figure, op.cit. (supra note 38) 220.
59. This growth meant prosperity for many; a forthcoming book by David Young addresses the myth of the amateur in Greek athletics.

The problems of artist and patron are complex, especially without literary evidence. T.B.L. Webster, Poster and Patron 272–273, mentions the white loincloths of the Perizoma group as elements added for the organization of the Panathenaic festival in Athens. Nevertheless the guest artists produced at least one athletic vase for Nikosthenes, and these pots seem to have ended up on the export market.
Fragments of a Dinos and a Cup Fragment by the Kleophrades Painter

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The Getty possesses three fragments from the rim of a vessel decorated in red figure. They were at first thought to come from a column krater, but JHH Frel observed that the vase was certainly in fact a dinos. The outer surface of the rim, which leans sharply inwards, bears an ivy wreath in black silhouette (fig. 1); the upper surface, a figure scene in red figure; the interior surface running palmettes in red figure.

When I saw these pieces I noted that they must be by the Kleophrades Painter. A little later Dietrich von Bothmer saw them and observed that a small fragment in his possession was from the same vase. He also suggested that fragments in the museum from a black dinos body with patterns on the shoulder almost certainly belonged. He has now given his fragment, and it proves to unite two of the Getty rim-fragments. Some of the body fragments also join this complex (B, below). There are four unattached fragments of the body, three of them with parts of the shoulder pattern. The principal rim fragment also remains unattached (A).

A. Acc. no. 81.AE.148.
Greatest diameter 18.1 cm.
Width of rim 4.9 cm.
Height of exterior vertical rim 2.7 cm.
Height of interior palmette-frieze 3.5 cm.

A division comes almost at the right-hand end of the running palmette frieze (fig. 2). To right, beginning of an enclosure line with a rightward volute at the top; to left, enclosure line with a leftward volute at the top, two volutes supporting a down-tipped palmette to right; line continues with three and a half palmettes, tipped alternately up and down, running to left, with rightward volutes at top and bottom (bottom preserved only at left-hand end). See further on B.

The slightly convex upper surface (fig. 3) is decorated with a symposium. Parts of three figures are preserved, reclining, their feet to the left; baskets hanging between (two preserved).

1. Head and shoulder of a youth, asleep, face down on his right hand laid on his upper left arm, left forearm and hand up over head. Drapery over cushion and round back. Cushion: vertical stripe between relief lines between lines of dots.

2. Complete figure of a youth, looking back and down, his left leg extended (toes across 1’s cushion) and lightly bent, left arm under body, right hand holding stick by his right knee; himation wrapped round lower body and left upper arm. Cushion: broad black crenelation.

3. Right hip and leg lightly bent, foot half over 2’s cushion. The left leg is perhaps drawn up, and a drapery end appears between the legs, while more drapery is wrapped round the right arm, bent at elbow and disappearing behind the body; but I am not sure that this is a correct interpretation of the remains.

Relief contour throughout except for hair (2, incised; 1, reserved where line exists, at back); also throughout palmette band except for interior of volutes. Dilute glaze: belly markings on 2 (hard to read). Red: wreaths. Much preliminary sketch. Upper surface worn and scratched.

B. Acc. no. 76.AE.132.1B
Interior length of rim fragment 13.0 cm.;
greatest diameter of body fragment 22.0 cm.
Inside rim: parts of four leftward palmettes, as on A (fig. 5).
Upper surface (fig. 4): from right, left foot and shin wrapped in himation, part of right shin appearing above; foot overlaps cushion on which male reclines: left elbow on cushion; breast and shoulders frontal; right hand holding handle of cup (with low foot and offset rim) in front of lost face which must have been frontal; the fragment with the hand was added by Bothmer. A hooked line across the body, below the breast-line, might be the handle of a second vessel (skyphos?) held in the left hand. Lines across the lower body, below the left wrist, might be the ends of pipes. Drapery end under lower body. The cushion is doubled, with prominent nipples at both ends; alternate stripes between relief lines and lines of dots, the dots bigger and the stripes narrower than on 1’s cushion on A. Relief contour: all preserved of right-hand figure; cup and part of upper arm of left-hand figure. The surface is noticeably less worn than on A.
Figure 1. Fragment from the rim of a dinos by the Kleophrades Painter, side A. Malibu 81.AE.148.

Figure 2. Side B of figure 1.

Figure 3. Side C of figure 1.
Figure 4. Fragment from a dinos by the Kleophrades Painter. Upper surface. Malibu 76.AE.132.1B.

Figure 5. Fragment of inside of figure 4.

Figure 6. Fragment of a cup by the Kleophrades Painter. Malibu 77.AE.21.18.
Body (fig. 4): reserved band (concealed by overhang of rim); black area; reserved band with broad red stripe; long black tongues separated by relief lines; three lines; double row of dots; three lines; black. Within: broad reserved area under shoulder; shiny black below (fig. 5).

Details of anatomy and drapery, as well as the style in a more general way, point to the Kleophrades Painter; and I have no doubt that the vase is from his hand. The lips are not outlined, but though this practice is regular in the painter's larger work and common in his smaller, there are a great many exceptions among rather careful pieces like this. The variety (poses, garments, cushions) is marked and delightful. The only comparable sleeping figure I know in his work is a maenad on a very early hydria in Rouen. There is a resemblance, but a far closer parallel to the drawing of our head is found in the dead Hector on a calyx krater fragment from the Kerameikos. Near to our feasters in general character of drawing are the small figures on the interior of the London cup. Both this and the Kerameikos calyx krater are classed by Beazley as "later," and our fragments surely belong to the same time, perhaps around 480 B.C. The stemless cup with offset rim carried by one reveler is similar to black glaze examples from the Agora dated in the first quarter of the fifth century.

Early red figure dinoi are discussed by Lullies. The beautiful vase by the Berlin Painter in the Ludwig Collection, belonging early in his middle period, was then the earliest known, but Lullies remarked that it would be no surprise if an earlier were to turn up. The Getty's is probably now the earliest, but there cannot be much in it. Dinoi with black body, figurework on the upper surface of the rim, and decoration of the interior wall, have not previously been found in red figure. This is a black figure tradition, and one remembers that the Kleophrades Painter has a strong black figure side. The black figure dinoi have only a band of tongues high on the shoulder. The broader patterned area on our vase resembles the patterning of black kotlons (plembochoi). It derives from an old black figure tradition: the tondo frames of Siana and Gordion cups in the second quarter of the sixth century. Shape and decoration of the outer rim are just as in black dinoi with tongues on the shoulder and no figure work, commonly attributed to the second half of the sixth century; perhaps they continued into the fifth.

The symposium would have made a continuous circle all round the rim. Similarly composed must have been the very early red figure picture on the interior of a lip cup rim.

A very closely similar basket is drawn on a fragment of a cup exterior in Florence (CV pl.9, B 67), described by Beazley as "not late." One might hope that further pieces will reveal that cup too as by the Kleophrades Painter.

Two pieces of red figure by the Kleophrades Painter and one of black figure in the museum have been studied by Jiri Frel. The magnificent volute krater belongs very early in the artist's career; the neck amphora fragment with a single monumental figure is a little later. Our vase must be the latest of the three. In scale it is not far from the lively scenes of legend on the volute krater neck, but the subject is quieter and the style nearer. It represents the artist in another phase and mood.

To much the same time must belong a small fragment of a cup by the painter (fig. 6), acquired by exchange from Dietrich von Bothmer, who made the attribution. (Acc. no. 77.AE.21.18. Length 3.7 cm.) There is a perceptible trace (observed by Jiri Frel) of offset at the rim of the interior. Inside and outside, reserved line under the rim.

Beardless head to right; Attic helmet (low crest, no cheek pieces; traces of drapery, and of what might be an aegis (Athena) or an animal skin (Amazon).

Ear, eye, and all details show that this is a work of the Kleophrades Painter. The style seems less close to the early Amazon-heads on a similar scale from the great cup in the Cabinet des Médailles or the volute-krater in the Getty than to the Athena of the London cup.

Cambridge
The Berlin Painter at the Getty Museum and Some Others

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The Berlin Painter is not represented at the J. Paul Getty Museum by any piece from the period of his prime. However, there are fragments from a superb calyx krater painted at the very beginning of his career (A); another calyx krater from almost the same time, no less fine, other pieces of which have been recognized in other collections (B); and a fragmentary but substantially preserved hydria of great charm which finds a place among his last works, painted some forty years later (C).

A. Calyx krater Acc.no. 77.AE.5.1-4,6,7 and 9-12 (on 5 and 8, see below pp. 58-59). 1-6 are decorated fragments, 7 a small black piece, 8 a slightly larger piece from which the exterior surface is entirely gone,

1. Small fragment from rim (upper part of lower register) (fig. 1). Length 3.4 cm. Parts of three leaves of palmette with enclosing tendril; spiral; top of central lotus-petal. See on 2.

2. Large fragment, composed of seven sherds (fig. 2). Length 18.0 cm. Glaze discolored and iridescent. Inside: reserved band immediately below rim; another, narrower, 7.0 cm. down (see also 10).

Rim: upper register, convex and black; lower, between reserved steps, palmette and lotus band 3.5 cm. wide. Seven-leaved palmettes, supported on volutes which curl over and round, enclosing small reserved circles and supporting lotuses, then curve up and divide, enclosing the palmettes and forming volutes which flank the lotuses; reserved dot at bottom, below each lotus and each palmette. Of the picture there remains, from left: part of left forearm (aegis, with snake rearing at wrist) and left hand of Athena, outstretched to right with low-crested Attic helmet facing her; on right, remains which are in fact part of the back of Achilles' corpse carried by Ajax (see 4). Relief contour: everything preserved. Dilute glaze: flecks on aegis; the helmet has dots on the vizor, crenelation on the crest-holder, and feathering at the bottom of the crest, probably only the last in dilute, but the discoloration makes it hard to be sure. Red: line bordering the crest; letters—to left of helmet ΑΘΕΝΑ; to right of helmet Σ. This should be the end of ΑΧΙΛΛΟΣ retrograde, but the letter is not written retrograde. The four-bar sigma is rare on Attic vases at this time, and so far as I know unparalleled in the Berlin Painter's work. I wonder if the painter may have written the name retrograde, put the three-bar sigma the wrong way round, and added a fourth bar in an attempt to correct.

3. Fragment composed of six sherds (fig. 3). Greatest diameter 8.5 cm. Glaze discolored. Athena to right: mouth, chin, throat, left shoulder and upper arm extended; aegis over chiton; spear across body, held in right hand, part of lower edge of which is preserved; gorgoneion on aegis, much ruined (at junction of four existing and one missing fragment). Just to right of spear, a diagonal relief line running out from under the snake fringe marks the front of the body and shows that the figure was leaning forward in movement. To the left of this are groups of chiton folds; to the right the reserved area is plain—the interior of the far side of the aegis, hanging from the extended arm. Relief contour: all that survives (lips, chin, throat, shoulder, upper arm). Dilute glaze: line on neck; flecks on aegis; continuation under snake fringe of front group of three fold lines in relief on chiton; the next three stop at the fringe, the fourth is carried on in relief, a group of five further back stops. It is not very easy to distinguish lines in dilute glaze here from indented preparatory sketch, but I think that all these are certainly dilute. Preparatory sketch lines can be seen in groups of folds between two groups of relief folds on the chiton. No added color.

4. Large fragment composed of six sherds (fig. 4). Greatest
Figure 2. Large fragment from calyx krater A. Malibu 77.AE.5.2.

Figure 3. Fragment from calyx krater A. Malibu 77.AE.5.3.

diameter 18.0 cm. Reserved area at bottom, upper contour sloping down very slightly to left, more than 4.0 cm. long by at least 9.0 cm. deep without any markings: shield on ground? Sloping up to left from this spear (Athena’s; cf. 3). Rump and part of right thigh of a warrior moving to right, stooping forward; above, the lower legs and left foot of a warrior carried on the back of the first: Ajax with the body of Achilles. The legs are greaved, the left (below) in profile, the right three-quarter front. Ajax wears a short chiton and corselet with belt and double row of skirt flaps; the scabbard end of a girt sword projects beyond the buttock. Relief contour: throughout preserved part, including

1. On this problem cf. CV Castle Ashby text to pl.36.
Figure 4. Large fragment from calyx krater A. Malibu 77.AE.5.4.
5. Single fragment (fig. 5). H. 7.3 cm. Offset below (not above, because of thickness and the lack of a reserved line within; cf. 2 and 10). No border at junction of picture area and cul. Male upper arm.

Relief contour above and below. Dilute glaze: musculature (two addorsed arcs).

On the position of this fragment, see below p.00.

6. Large fragment composed of four sherd with lacunae; the piece with the face was joined to the rest by Bothmer). (fig. 6). Greatest diameter 13.0 cm.

From left: lower end of hoplite shield in profile to right (at-
tacker); part of his opponent falling away to right, body in back view, shield in profile raised on left arm, face (lower part preserved) lifted in profile to left, teeth bared, the nose piece of the helmet is preserved but no more, and the amount of the face revealed shows that it was of Chalcidian type with cheek pieces raised. No trace of device on either shield. The figure is naked except for helmet and sword-belt, though he may have worn greaves. Relief contour throughout preserved part except for the beard. Dilute glaze: teeth; line on either side of spine (relief-line); ribs on both sides (extended on left, foreshortened on right). No added color (the sword-belt is in three relief lines).

9. Black fragment (fig. 7). Greatest diameter 3.5 cm. No decoration.

10. Fragment (fig. 8). Greatest diameter 4.7 cm. Outer surface entirely flaked away. Inside, at bottom, reserved stripe. This is the only fragment besides 2 on which this feature is preserved; 3 begins just too low.

Side A (figs. 2–4) shows Ajax with the body of Achilles and Athena accompanying him as he carries it from the field; side B (fig. 6) a fight. 1 (fig. 1) and 7–8 (figs. 7–8) cannot be placed on A or B. 2–4 belong to A; 6 to B. 5 is a problem. It seems too near the ground to be the right arm of the falling figure on B. There could have been a third figure, already fallen, on that side; or what appears to be a shield lying on the ground on A (4) might belong to a fallen figure.

The vase is certainly a very early work of the Berlin Painter. The attribution (Frel's) is made sure by the general style as well as detailed renderings (ankle, addorsed arcs on upper arm, markings on greaves, gorgoneion, rim-pattern). The drawing is very careful and very fine, but it is also clear that the draughtsman is not yet fully master of his art. The back view of the defeated figure on B (like his bared teeth something taken directly from the Pioneers of the generation before) is a grand effort but not an entirely successful one. There are similarly primitive traces in the potting technique: the discoloration of the glaze on 2 and 3, impurities in the pot wall (though the hole among the chips below Achilles' left ankle on 4 seems not to be an exploded particle but a drill hole for an ancient repair). The comparison suggests that the Berlin Painter and the "Berlin Potter" may have been the same man, and this in turn might have a bearing on the Gorgos problem.

These thoughts to Jifi Frel. The elaborate finesse of the drawing is combined with a curious austerity: the absence of shield-devices, extreme restraint in the use of added red and scarcely less of dilute glaze. This sets it off from most of the artist's other work and might possibly be another sign of his youth.

A fairly close parallel in dress and movement to Athena on A (2 and 3) is furnished by the picture of the goddess on the London volute krater, though there she is on a small scale, is wearing rather than carrying her helmet, and does not lean quite so far forward. One may compare also the Athena of the east gable at Aegina. The gorgoneion (3) is a ruin, but one can still see that it conforms to the painter's distinctive type. The elaborated anatomizing of the greave knee can be paralleled on a neck amphora of the painter's middle period in London, and on a very fine fragment in Florence. The painter favors the Chalcidian helmet with cheek pieces up (7).

Ater. Acc. no. 77.AE.5.5 and 8.

These two fragments were acquired with the above (and a number of others; see below p.00) and were thought to belong to the same vase. 5 certainly does not, and 8 seems to belong with 5 rather than with the vase.

5. (fig. 9). Height 7.0 cm. Front of thigh and greaved knee of warrior in short chiton (just visible at top of fragment).

2. On the Berlin Potter see Bloesch in AntK 1962, 18–29; Philippaki Stamos 11ff.
4. E 468; ARV² 206 no.132; Beazley Berl. pl.31,1.
6. AJA 62 (1958) 64f.
7. E 269; ARV² 197 no.27; CV 1 pl.19, B 25.
8. 19; ARV² 213 no.229; CV 1 pl.19, B 25.
9. Cf. Beazley Berl. pls.19, right (ibid., left, not worn, with cheek-pieces down); 22,1; 24,1; 28,2; 30,3 (30,2, down); 31, 2 and 3.
advancing to right; part of shield, left upper arm and back
of warrior lying fallen to right, in back view. Relief contour
for small surviving part (shield). No dilute glaze; lines on
thigh and greave are preliminary sketch; ornament on
corselet which is not in relief line is in undiluted black.
Red: letters in field along edge of shield. ΜΦΙ

8. Small black fragment. Length 3.1 cm. The interior glaze
is rather dull and seems closer to that of 5 than to that of
the other pieces. At bottom right (or top left?) is the
"eighth of an inch stripe" marking a figure.

The back view of the corselet of the fallen figure on 5 can
be understood by reference to complete examples in the
work of the Kleophrades Painter. At the bottom left of the
fragment is the beginning of a patterned back strip over­
lapped by a side-flap. The star is on the back of the
shoulder. At the bottom right of the fragment, crossing
the upper edge of the corselet, is the beginning of an up­
right neck flap. The neck flap is not generally patterned,
as it evidently is here, but some do carry a design, though
different from this and only at the top. The composite fastening of the tassel within the shield is
likewise precisely paralleled in the work of the Kleophrades Painter. This form is never to my knowledge used by the
Berlin Painter, who always draws a simple circular stud
(regularly used by other painters and frequently by the
Kleophrades Painter too).

We have seen that there could have been a fallen figure
on side B of the Berlin Painter's vase, but this is not it. The
scale of the figures on this fragment is certainly smaller
than that of those on fragments 2-7, the drawing has not
the extreme precision found there, and the line is more
fluid. I have no doubt that this is from a vase of slightly
later date and the work of the Kleophrades Painter. The
subject was probably a combat over the body of a dead
hero (names beginning Amphi . . . are not uncommon,
but there is no obvious legendary identification), as in the
Tyskiewicz Painter's masterpiece (which might well be
modeled on a krater by the Kleophrades Painter). An alter­
native possibility is a scene from the Ilioupersis: compare
Ajax approaching Cassandra across the body of a fallen
Trojan on the Vivenzio hydria.

10. See above, with n.1.
12. Cf. ibid. pl.28, 1, right.
13. Cf. ibid.
14. Cf. ibid. pl. 10, 2 and 19, left.
15. Cf. ibid. pl.25, 1, 2, 22, 2; 29, 1, 32, 1.
16. Calyx-krater, Boston 97, 368; ARV² 290 no. 1; Caskey-Beazley ii
pl.35 = 6.
17. Naples 2422; ARV² 189 no. 74; Beazley Kl. pl. 27.
18. Foreshortened hoplite shield: cf. Beazley Kl. pls. 25, 27; Boeotian,
ibid. pl. 32, 1.
19. Corinth CP 436, 1671, 2617, 1675 and 1716; ARV² 205 nos. 115,
116; Paro. 342 and 344 nos. 115bis to quater; Boulter in Hesp. 35 (1966)
310-16, pl.73f., 76.
20. Munich 2406; ARV² 207 no. 137; CV pl. 238-40; Boulter (I.c. last
note) pl. 75.
21. ARV (1942) 145 no. 91; Florence 4226.
22. See Getty MJ II (1975) 60.
may be hers also. Boult notes that the color of the glaze on the fragment with the male leg sets it off from the others, and that it must therefore in any case (if it belongs to this vase at all) be from the other side. Beazley once cited a calyx krater in Florence as "Almost entirely modern; what little is ancient recalls the Berlin Painter." The subjects are: A, Poseidon and a Giant; B, Athena and a Giant. The Corinth vase might possibly have had the same scenes. I see a character similar to that of the Corinth warrior but differently expressed in the teeth-baring victim of the Getty fragments and would suppose him a Giant too. His opponent with the profile shield may perhaps have been a male god rather than Athena.

There are differences between the Corinth and Getty fragments. The offset of the cul on Getty fragment 5 shows no sign of decoration, but perhaps there is not enough to be sure that it was black. Under the confronted feet, the Corinth vase is adorned with a careful "squared" ovolo. The rim-pattern is basically the same in the two vases and extremely close in detail, only at Corinth alternate lotuses are given different forms. One lotus, presumably at the point where the artist completed the circle, is different from either of the regular alternations. Those on the Getty vase are not quite like any of these. None of the technical troubles seen on the Getty vase can be traced on the Corinth fragments, and I am left with the impression that it was made and painted just a little later.

The subject of the principal picture on the Getty vase, Ajax with the body of Achilles, is a favorite in sixth century art, and there are very many examples in Attic black figure by greater and lesser artists. In red figure it is extremely rare. Brommer lists only two examples, and I know of only two that have appeared since, both in the Getty Museum: this krater and a slightly earlier cup. The pieces listed by Brommer are a bilingual neck amphora in Vienna, where the red figure style is of primitive character and plainly the work of a black figure artist, and an early cup by Douris. The Getty cup, a ruin, stands very close to the mature work of Oltos, but it can be attributed with certainty to the young Euphronios. If one must give absolute dates, the neck amphora cannot, I suppose, be very much later than 520 B.C., the Euphronios surely before 510 B.C., the Douris and the Berlin Painter from the years around 500 B.C., the Berlin Painter perhaps slightly the earlier.

On the neck amphora and in Douris's cup tondo, the Ajax and Achilles are alone, as they often are in earlier representations. Euphronios places the scene on the exterior of his cup and adds several figures: in front a man, seemingly old, and a mourning woman—surely Phoenix and Thetis—and behind, a warrior, presumably Odysseus. Such extra figures are seen in a number of black figure pictures. I have not found an Athena, but there is nothing at all improbable in her presence. Ajax was not among her favorites, but Achilles was; and the Berlin Painter loves her.

This choice of an old-fashioned subject and its treatment in an essentially traditional way is found again in the painter's work: Achilles and Ajax playing dice; Achilles and Polyxena at the well; Peleus bringing the baby Achilles to Chiron; and Europa on the Bull. None of these is unique in the Berlin Painter's time, but they are not favorites, and he has not the obviously forward-looking character of his great rival the Kleophrades Painter. Nevertheless he transmutes what he touches into something wholly his own and of his own time.

The Berlin Painter's calyx krater A must have been painted around 500 B.C., more probably before than after. A fragment of another vase of the same shape which can be very little later is in the collection (B), and other pieces of the same magnificent pot have been recognized in the Louvre and in the collection of Herbert Cahn in Basel.

B. Calyx krater Acc. no. 77.AE.105. Presented by Bruce McNall. Composed of seven fragments, with some filling (fig. 10). Greatest diameter 16.2 cm.

From left: buttocks, thighs and part of arched tail of satyr in three-quarter back view to left; his torso must have been leaning sharply forward; thyrsus almost vertically across advanced left thigh. Behind him, her advanced right knee behind his right knee, a maenad moves to left. She wears a chiton, the front contour of her left (rear) leg showing through it, and himation and carries a thyrsus diagonally
Figure 10. Fragment from a fragmentary calyx krater (B) by the Berlin Painter. Malibu 77.AE.105.

Figure 11. Fragment from calyx krater B. Paris, Louvre G 193.

Figure 12. Fragment from calyx krater B. Paris, Louvre G 193.
Figure 13. Fragment from calyx krater B. Basel, H. Cahn i.

Figure 14. Fragment from calyx krater B. Basel, H. Cahn ii.

Figure 15. Fragment from calyx krater B. Basel, H. Cahn iii.

Figure 16. Fragment from calyx krater B. Basel, H. Cahn iv.
across her body, passing behind the satyr’s tail and right thigh. The contour of her back and buttock is wrongly restored; it should be much fuller. Relief contour throughout preserved part. Dilute glaze: satyr’s musculature (the wrinkles at the back of the right knee are drawn in two relief-lines). No added color. Two fragments, in the Louvre (G 193) certainly belong to the same vase as the piece in Malibu.

a (fig. 12). Middle part of maenad advancing swiftly to left, right arm extended forward, left hand holding thyrsus leaning on shoulder. She wears a sleeved chiton, the skirt of which flies behind, and a himation with patterned overfall. Behind her thigh appears the end of a satyr’s tail, the figure evidently behind her and moving in the same direction. Behind her is part of the lower leg of a male moving to right; above it is part of the leg and hanging claw of the animal skin he wears (“leopard” since the paw is marked with dot-in-circle spots; the pelt above the paw is covered with close set relief lines). Above the skin, below the maenad’s elbow is a reserved area with curved contour, evidently belonging to the figure in the animal skin, but I do not know what it is. This fragment joins Cahn’s fragment ii; see below.

b (fig. 11). On the left part of a head (engrailed contour, wreath in added red), with elbow of arm bent up behind it, thyrsus head and almost vertical shaft. On the right, trace of a figure and, vertically downwards beside it, an inscription (retrograde): KAVI+OPA. On the question whether this is the front or back of the head, see below.

Cahn has four fragments (two joining):

i. (fig. 13) From left, part of handle floral: enclosed palmette (ribbed leaves), spiral, buds; pipe-case (“leopard”-skin: thin wash, dot-in-circle spots) hanging vertically; knuckles of closed or half-closed left hand; above this (between hand and pipe-case) is a trace of something. Below is the sharply bent right knee of a male advancing to left, the thigh crossed by ends of drapery and thyrsus. On the lower right this joins ii, (fig. 14) which gives the lower leg and heel of the male, overlapped by the advanced lifted right foot and skirt of a female moving fast to the left. Her left foot is planted on the ground, and behind it appears the extended frontal left foot of the male figure. To the right, beyond this, is the three-quarter right foot and lower leg of a male to right. Below is part of the cul of the vase, with lotus and palmette (ribbed leaves). This fragment joins Louvre a (see below).

iii. (fig. 15). Part of head and shoulder of a satyr to right but face turned frontal (or possibly in attempted three-quarter); reserved ivy-wreath; “leopard”-skin (dot-in-circle spots) over shoulders, the open jaws hanging upside-down behind; there is a thin wash over the pelt.

iv (fig. 16). On the right part of handle floral (enclosed palmette with ribbed leaves, spirals and buds, lotuses). To the left legs and feet of a male, left in profile to right, right frontal; the upper part of the figure is likely to have been turned left, towards the picture. He wears a chlamys, ends hanging, and boots with tongues and lacing; a thin wash over boots. Below, beginning of vase cul with enclosed palmettes (ribbed leaves) and spirals.

Cahn’s fragment ii, which at its upper left joins his fragment i, at its upper right joins, as Bothmer has seen, Louvre a. This combination gives us the left-hand group of the picture, next to the handle floral: a maenad running or dancing to left; beyond her, a satyr moving in the same direction. His left leg, stretched back, is hidden except for the frontal foot by the maenad’s skirt, and so evidently was his fork (only the end of the tail appears); but he must have been leaning steeply forward (nothing of him appears in front of the maenad on the upper part of Louvre a), so that all the upper part of his body would have been visible above his bent right knee, between the maenad and the floral. His right hand, or possibly hers, may have held the hanging pipe-case; the fingers of his left hand are closed or closing, probably holding something; his face was probably turned back towards the maenad, or possibly frontal. Cahn’s fragment iii surely gives us some of the upper part of the satyr in the animal skin back to back with the maenad. The upright thyrsus on Louvre b may well be the same as the one crossing the satyr’s thigh on the Malibu piece. If so, the Malibu maenad with the sloping thyrsus will be the Kallichora of the Louvre fragment. The head and arm on Louvre b are probably not the satyr’s but those of a maenad (the owner of the upright thyrsus) whom he is embracing or assaulting. It is not clear whether the remains on Louvre b give the front or back of the head, but the figure is most easily restored as facing right, head bent forward, left arm raised behind it with the elbow up, the right hand holding the thyrsus. The attitude of the satyr is very like that of the satyr in the left-hand group, but seen from the back instead of the front. The space beyond the leg of the Malibu maenad suggests that she may be the last figure. If the maenad with the upright thyrsus comes immediately in front of the satyr in the “leopard”-skin, this would give a seven-figure composition

32. Louvre fragments, Pottier Cat. nos.42-5; and see AJA 62 (1958) 60 n.41.
33. I am most grateful to Dr. Cahn for photographs and permission to publish them. See further below, n.37.
(three satyrs and four maenads) which seems quite convincing, but there are alternatives. The male on Cahn iv could conceivably be a satyr in cloak and boots, perhaps a "Hermes" as on Douris's psykter. Such a figure might follow on the Malibu fragment, and one could then restore either an eight-figure Dionysiac scene on one side of the vase, which would be perhaps impossibly long, or suppose that Cahn i-iii and Louvre a belong to one picture, Louvre b, Malibu, and Cahn iv to the other. Alternatively Cahn iv could belong with the first group. It seems to me most likely, however, that a seven-figure Dionysiac scene occupied one side of the vase and a different subject the other, Cahn iv not being a satyr. This might have been a mythological scene, and so perhaps the "front" of the vase, though it cannot have been more finely and elaborately drawn than the "back." If Cahn i and Cahn iv are from opposite sides of the vase, they give the two edges of one palmette complex, that was asymmetrically designed, but there is nothing impossible in that.

The maenad's thumbnail on Louvre a and the satyr's toe-nails on Cahn ii are things the Berlin Painter does not very often draw, but here the elaboration is extreme throughout. The pattern on the overfold of the maenad's himation reminiscent of some Acropolis korai is not common in red figure after the very earliest period. There is a simpler example on Euphronios’s Dionysiac calyx krater in the Louvre, a vase which has some resemblances to the Getty's. This vase indeed is very much in the Pioneer tradition, standing particularly close to Phintias in its elaboration and in other things, especially the stylization of the satyr-mask. Phintias was almost certainly the Berlin Painter's first master, and this was surely painted under his immediate influence and is in particular reminiscent of his masterpiece, the Dionysiac scene on the Tarquinia amphora. Both stylizations and style, however, are unmistakably not Phintias’ but the Berlin Painter’s. Beazley knew the Louvre pieces and wondered if they might not be very early work by the Berlin Painter; the evidence of the other fragments seems to me conclusive.

34. British Museum E 768; ARV² 446 no.262. FR. pl.48; CV pl.105; Buschor GV 164f.
35. See Beazley in JHS 31 (1911) 288.
36. Louvre G 33; ARV² 14 no.4; Portier pl.105; CV pl.1.3 and 6, 2.4.
37. AJA 62 (1958) 60 n.41. “I have wanted the Louvre fragments to be very early Berlin Painter, but have never been able to persuade myself. They are by a very good man.” (J.D.B. to M.R., December 1947).
The Berlin Painter's most creative period seems to lie in the decades between 500 and 480 B.C. After that his drawing tends to become stiffer, more conventional, and later careless and often insensitive. The "middle period" is taken to cover roughly the seventies, the "late" the sixties. The last piece by the painter in the Getty, a fragmentary hydria (C), belongs to the very end of his career, but it has a freshness and charm only rarely found in the work of this phase.

C. Hydria fragment.
1 Acc. no. S.80.AE.185, Bareiss 29 (fig. 17)
Attributed by Bothmer. Attributed by Bothmer.
(on loan from the Bareiss Collection).
Height 21.5 cm.
Mouth, foot, and handles are missing with much else, but the fragment gives the contour of the vase from the lower part of the neck, above the picture, to the lower part of the body below it.

The two-figure picture is set on the body, overlapping the shoulder. It is unframed but with a band of pattern below: stopped maeander (two units preserved) with saltire squares. One cannot be quite certain from the remaining part, but it was probably what Beazley called ULFA ("upper, lower, facing alternately"), a symmetrical maeander design largely confined to the work of the Berlin Painter and his following. On the left stands Athena, to right, left foot forward, left arm extended, the hand holding her Attic helmet with stilted crest, the right holding her spear horizontally at waist level. She wears a stephane with leaves (reserved) and her hair in a bag on her neck, sleeved chiton with overfall, an ependytes over it, aegis, and round her back and over the upper arms, a cloak. There are dots on the chiton, dotted saltieres and an arcade pattern on the ependytes, and dots between double lines on the helmet crest. Missing are the lower part of the chin with the throat, much of the aegis with both arms and hands, and lower part of the ependytes with chiton skirt and feet except for the left toes. Relief contour: lips and chin; aegis breast with snakes, except heads; both edges of spear immediately behind elbow; lower edge of cloak on shoulder and cloak ends at front and on chiton skirt and overfall. No added color. On the right stands a youth, head turned left towards the goddess, body frontal. The artist's first works. In it he has not yet developed what was to become his regular practice for composing the short picture on the shoulder: two detached figures with an object between them; see Beazley Berlin Painter (Melbourne, 1964) 7.

The round-bodied hydria (kalpis) is a favorite shape with the Berlin Painter from the very beginning of his career, but most, including all those from his early period, are decorated on a different principle: the picture on the shoulder, unframed but with a pattern-band below, and only two figures, often with an object between them. One elaborate piece from his middle period has the figures rising from the body over the shoulder like the Getty piece, but that is a six-figure composition, the picture going all round the vase, and has a pattern-band above as well as below. Very like the Getty hydria fragment is another late vase in Graz. There, on a maeander-band (ULFA), Triptolemos in his winged car and Demeter face each other, elongated figures rising from the body over the shoulder. A jug held by the goddess occupies much the place of the helmet on ours. The sceptre, held vertically by the seated Triptolemos, and the foot-plate of his car occupy more space between the figures at the bottom than anything that is preserved on the Getty vase, and one may wonder if there was not something, perhaps an altar, between Athena and Theseus. The extreme elongation of the figures seems even greater on the Malibu vase than on that in Graz. It can partly be accounted for as counteracting the foreshortening over the sharply curved shoulder, but it is also perhaps a kind of mannerism, found at this time in a good
deal of work outside the Mannerist workshop.

The restraint in the use of dilute glaze and the total absence of added color are analogous to A, but whereas there the phenomenon is united with an exquisite precision and elaboration of drawing, here it seems part of a quick, careless execution.

Theseus’ hair style recalls that of the Kritian boy. The short chiton with long overfall belted above seems an early classical fashion, and so is the hair-bag on Athena’s neck, something especially popular with the Pan Painter. Her stilted helmet crest and her ependytes recall the great goddess of the Basel amphora. That cannot have been painted very long after 480, while the Getty vase surely belongs to the sixties. On the Basel figure the arcing is the fringe at the bottom of the ependytes; here it is just a pattern, and it is possible that there is not after all a second garment here but simply an elaborately patterned chiton. One may compare the Athena on the stamnos in Munich, where I feel a similar uncertainty.

The freshness and a rather childish charm set the drawing off from most of the artist’s late work, which tends to the harsh and mechanical. One wonders if it might conceivably be the work of a young pupil, but it does not seem possible to separate it from the master’s own.

APPENDIX

The following calyx-krater fragments were acquired with those of A (see above, p.55).

1. Acc. no. 77.AE.5.5 and 8, See above, pp.59-60.
2. Two fragments (a [76.AE.108.10] and b [76.AE.102.10, figs.18–19]) with a possible third (c). Orange clay; shiny glaze (fine fabric).

Figure 18. Fragment of a calyx krater. Malibu 76.AE.108.10.

Figure 19. Fragment from the calyx krater in figure 18. Malibu 76.AE.102.10

a. Rim. Length 11.0 cm. Inside: reserved line. Upper register convex and black. Lower register: below reserved step, red figure pattern band (volute, lotus?).

b. Length 8.2 cm. From right: bearded head thrust forward; thick lips, blunt nose, Corinthian helmet up on hair. Below this on left part of horizontal body (ribs marked). Behind it, vertical shaft (spear) and at extreme left shield rim (interior; tassel). Relief contour: throughout ornament and figures, except beard (relief strokes along lower edge; incised strokes for hair escaping at front of helmet). No dilute glaze (ribs in relief) or added color. Incision at inner and outer edges of shield rim. I cannot reconstruct the rim ornament. The warrior must be lifting the body. The features seem deliberately barbarian (Negroid), so it is not Sleep and Death with Sarpedon but Memnon lifted by two Ethiopians, as for instance on a black figure lekythos by the Emporion Painter. The Ethiopians there are not dressed as Greek warriors, nor are they usually, though Memnon himself regularly is so. The shield and spear should belong to a figure standing still, facing right, at the center of the composition.

A third fragment may belong to the same vase:

A. Bent knee to right. No relief contour, dilute glaze, or added color.

3. Acc. no. 76.AE.102.17 and 18. Two fragments. A. Greatest diameter 6.2 cm. (fig.21) Bent knee to right. No relief contour, dilute glaze, or added color.

45. Kritian boy: Athens Acr.698; Payne and Young Archaic Marble Sculpture from the Acropolis pls.109–12; Schrader Die archaischen Marmorbilder der Akropolis pls.120-7; Langlotz and Shuchardt Archaische Plastik von der Akropolis pls.42ff.

46. Cf. Webster Niobidenmaler pl.11A (pelike, Wurzburg 511; ARV² 604 no.48).

47. E.g. Beazley Panmaler pls.1, 14.1, 25.1; Follmann Panmaler pl.5.3. It is also frequent in the work of his imitator the Akimachos Painter.


49. Above n.20.

50. But cf. Hermonax’s hydria, above n. 44.

Figure 20. Fragment that may belong to the calyx krater in figure 18. Malibu 76.AE.102.9

Figure 21. Fragment of a calyx krater. Malibu 76.AE.102.17.

Figure 22. Fragment from the calyx krater in fig. 21. Malibu 76.AE.102.18.

B. Height 4.0 cm. (fig.22) Offset of cul. No pattern. Right foot back, toes only on ground, of figure in movement to right. No relief contour, dilute glaze, or added color. Ankle and six toes roughly indicated in a relief line. A and B could show parts of the same leg. Six toes are found in Myson and the Pan Painter, but this cannot be by the latter, hardly by the former. Late archaic. Rough work.

Figure 23. Fragment of a calyx krater. Malibu 76.AE.102.3.

4. Acc. no. 76.AE.102.13. (fig.23) Height 5.2 cm. Ruined surface: black almost entirely gone from fold lines, but they are still partly traceable. Woman to right neck to waist, in chiton and himation, left hand forward, muffled in himation. Relief contour: neck, upper line of breast. Dilute glaze: line on neck. No trace of added color. Late archaic or early classical.

5. Acc. no. 76.AE.102.7 (fig.24) Rim fragment. Greatest diameter 8.0 cm.

Inside: reserved line below rim; another, very thin, 5.5 cm. down. Upper register convex and black. Lower register, between reserved steps, palmette and lotus band 3.5 cm. broad: volutes supporting seven-leaf palmettes (small leaf below) curl round, enclosing small reserved circles, and support lotus, then rise and divide, enclosing palmettes

Figure 24. Fragment of a calyx krater. Malibu 76.AE.102.7.
Figure 25. Fragment of a calyx krater. Malibu 76.AE.102.6.

and forming volutes backing on lotus. Relief contour: central leaves of palmette and lotus, outer edge of spirals and bottom of enclosing tendrils. No trace of design in picture area.

The pattern is a commonly-used poor version of that employed by the Berlin Painter in A (Acc. no. 77.AE.5.1 and 2).

Perhaps early classical rather than late archaic.

6. Acc. no. 76.AE.102.6. (fig.25) Rim-fragment. Length 12.8 cm. Glaze brown-red and very worn. Inside: reserved line below rim; another 6.5 cm. down. Upper register convex and black. Lower register: between reserved steps, lotus and palmette band 3.0 cm. broad. Volutes support lotus and circle round to enclose nine-leaf palmette. Picture area: white slip; no trace of design.

Early classical. White calyx kraters in this period are decorated by the Villa Giulia and Methyse Painters.


A, composed of three sherds. (fig.26). Length 15.0 cm. Complete handle. Stopped meander at top of cul on both sides.

B, composed of three sherds (fig.27). Length 17.0 cm. Part of handle; beginning of meander to left. Early classical or classical.

8. Acc. no. 77.AE.133 1 and 2

1. (fig. 28). Composed of nine sherds. Height 39.0 cm. Complete contour from bottom of offset rim to bottom of cul, with roots of the second handle.

2. (fig.29). Composed of eleven sherds. Height 20.0 cm. Complete handle with part of cul; at top of cul, end of row of enclosed upright palmettes.

Side A. At top of cul, upright enclosed palmettes (seven leaves; no relief line). At left-hand edge of picture, back right foot and lower leg in greave to right. No relief contour, dilute glaze, or added color.

Side B. At top of cul, running, sloping palmettes. From right-hand edge of picture: back left foot and part of right foot of figure standing to left; forward left foot of figure standing to right. Relief contour: instep of rear foot of first figure, toe and heel of foot of second figure. No dilute glaze or added color.

I speak of "A" and "B" because the first is evidently an action scene (battle, or possibly arming or warrior's departure) while the quiet stance of the figures on the second suggests a reverse scene, though they cannot have been mantle figures.

Classical (Perhaps Achilles Painter—Frel).

POSTSCRIPT

Krater A by the Berlin Painter will be completed to a considerable extent: a set of fragments soon to be presented to the Getty Museum was identified by R. Guy. Another fragment belonging to krater B was lent to the Getty Museum in 1982.
Figure 26. Fragment of a calyx krater. Malibu 76.AE.132.4A.

Figure 27. Fragment from the calyx krater in fig. 26. Malibu 76.AE.132.4B.
Figure 28. Fragment of a calyx krater. Malibu 76.AE.133.2.
Figure 29. Fragment from the calyx krater in fig. 28. Malibu 76.AE.133.1.
New Vases by the Brygos Painter and His Circle in Malibu

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Over the past few years, a number of red figured drinking vessels have found their way to the J. Paul Getty Museum as acquisitions, gifts, and works on loan for restoration. Six of these pieces form an important group in our growing collection of Attic vases in that they represent different aspects of the style associated with one influential artist, the Brygos Painter. As new attributions to the artist or as products of his workshop, all find their place among the known works of the Brygan circle. This article serves to introduce these vases and to offer some suggestions for their placement.

As fortune would have it, one of the museum's smallest fragments of Brygan work is also the earliest in date and the most beautifully drawn (fig. 1). Composed of eight sherds from the rim and bowl of a shallow kylix, the piece preserves nothing inside but the slight reserved edge of the tondo frame. However, the exterior offers some consolation. Within the protective porch of a building stands a small boy. He wears a dotted, black-bordered himation draped diagonally over his chest and a red fillet around his tousled blond hair, the color of which is rendered skillfully in dilute glaze. Behind him are the remains of a heavy door; to his left is a fluted Doric column. In the field above his head is the letter C in added red. While his left arm encircles the tall shaft, his right extends rather nervously to one side, and he fingers a bit of vine as he watches the awesome events taking place before him. Here rushes Iris, wings outspread and right hand behind her firmly gripping the kerykeion near its finial. Only the corners remain of her finely pleated chiton and black-edged, dotted himation, and there are still a loop and the ends of the long red fillet tied around her head. Hardly the delicate Olympian messenger who alights with her herald's staff held ceremoniously before her, this Iris is a powerful force who moves to the right with apparently aggressive purpose.

Attribution of this fragment to the Brygos Painter can be made without hesitation. The architectural elements recur in other compositions by the artist, and the black-bordered, dotted himatia are standard Brygan garments. Another child appears together with a winged figure on a fragment in the collection at Bryn Mawr, though the presence there of a third, bearded figure suggests that the subject was more likely Iris with Ganymede and Zeus. The wing of the Bryn Mawr Iris shows the same regular rows of tiny dots on the covert and the same black-tipped secondary feathers across the center as that of the goddess in Malibu. Similar also is the treatment of the wings of the horses who draw the chariot of Selene within the tondo of the kylix in Berlin. But most convincingly Brygan is the figure of the child. “And, if more were needed, the droll figure of the half-grown boy, with his blond hair, snub nose, drooping nether lip, and twisted pose, has in itself almost the value of a signature.” Thus L. D. Caskey described the closest parallel to the Malibu child, the slave boy on the Boston skyphos with athletes and trainers. As Caskey’s description fits almost every feature of the child on the Getty fragment, so, too, does his attribution to the Brygos Painter. A date of 490-480 B.C. would place the piece most appropriately among the artist’s strongest works.

1. Getty Museum acc. no. 81.AE.206.11. Restored diameter: 34.5 cm.
2. For the door, see the kylix in Berlin, Staatliche Museen, no. 2301, ARV 378, 129; for the column, the kylix in Tarquinia, RC 6846, ARV 369, 4.
4. Ella Riegel Memorial Museum, no. P-953, ibid., pl.11,2.
5. Staatliche Museen, no. 2293, ARV 370, 10. A second kylix by the Brygos Painter with Selene in the tondo was found in Athens in 1967 together with a large number of cups and skyphoi by the artist and his disciples. Unfortunately the few published photographs do not offer any evidence for the same dotted pattern on the horses’ wing coverts [AP-XIAOAKIKON AEATION, XRONIKA, 23 (1968), pl.43,b.] but the find promises to provide much information for our knowledge of these artists.
7. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, acc. no. 10.176, ARV 381, 173. Jiri Frel first observed that the child is a slave, distinguished by his unkempt hair.
Figure 1. Fragment of a kylix by the Brygos Painter, 490-480 B.C. Exterior. Scale 1:1. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum 81.AE.206.11.

Figure 2. Fragments of a kylix by the Brygos Painter, 480-470 B.C. Scale 1:1. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum 81.AE.206.12 Tondo.

Figure 3. Malibu 81.AE.206.12. Exterior.
No clue remains to the right of the goddess to suggest what might be the anticipated confrontation beyond. Iris appears in the Iliad as Olympian messenger to the palace of Priam,8 and the Brygos Painter eloquently employed scenes from the Trojan War in the decoration of several of his finest vases.9 Iris appears also in the artist's work on a kylix of type C in London, signed by Brygos as potter.10 There, however, she is clearly on the defensive, trying desperately to fend off the advances of two aroused satyrs.

Even without additional information on the exact subject of the cup, the observing child is perhaps a fair indicator of the scene's intensity. Several times, the Brygos Painter used the figure of a child to provide a convenient frame for some more important central scene.11 Yet, as Beazley remarked in his description of the same Boston boy mentioned by Caskey, the Brygos Painter presented there "one of the first, one of the only, real children in vase painting."12 A superior draftsman who exploited the expressive possibilities in human gesture, the Brygos Painter could not neglect the opportunity to convey through the device of the child's posture some information about his youthful response to the primary event. On the Boston cup, the little attendant watches as his master practices his jump. On the Malibu fragment, the anxious absorption of the small, sheltered onlooker offers some reflection of the dramatic encounter which originally occupied the center of the composition.

Another encounter, but one of a far less serious nature, once filled the tondo of a second kylix, of which only six fragments survive, that may also be attributed to the Brygos Painter (figs. 2, 3).13 Only the horse-like tail of one figure and the foot and edge of the chiton skirt of the other remain within the maeander border, but this evidence is enough to reconstruct a well-known couple—the amorous satyr and the fleeing maenad who rejects his pursuit. At least one of the pair, most likely the maenad, wore a feline skin, for a paw and part of a tail survive behind the satyr's tail. The maenad carries her thyrso with its leafy head down by her skirt; she may also hold a snake, the curving tail of which would be the object that hangs down before her forward left foot.

In what survives of the exterior scenes (fig. 3) a group of satyrs cavorts around a pair of donkeys upon a double groundline. The only fragment left from side A (composed of one large sherd and one small chip) preserves the tail and legs of a satyr running to the left and the boldly striped forelegs of one of the donkeys. Facing the satyr, the animal lifts his left hoof. Two joining fragments from Side B show the second donkey, which is ithyphallic, with a little satyr riding on his back. Only the hindquarters of the animal are left, but the rear legs show the same zebra-like horizontal stripes that distinguish the forelegs of the creature on side A. Beside the donkey follows a second satyr of whom only the right foot has survived. Two joining fragments belong to the cup as well. Most probably from side B, they carry the chest of the donkey, the knees and rein-bearing right hand of the mounted satyr-boy with the rein in added red, and the right arm and shoulder of a satyr plus the left profile of his face.

Unfortunately, the upper body on this last sherd cannot be demonstrated to belong to any one of the three figures whose hand, feet, and legs remain. However, it does preserve a face with the snub nose, heavy overhanging brow, and coarse lips characteristic of many satyrs' faces by the Brygos Painter. Especially close are the features of the satyr who dances to the right of Dionysos in the tondo of a cup in the Cabinet des Médailles.14

The same kylix offers further evidence for the attribution to the Brygos Painter on side A of its exterior. There, beside the god Dionysos, walks a donkey with similar stripes around his knee joints, hock joints, and lower legs. The Brygos Painter was hardly the only artist to employ such a decorative feature. As Beazley noted in his description of a she-mule on a vase in Boston, "...the dark rings or bars on the legs are seldom absent in red-figure pictures of donkeys."15 However, this artist did apply his stripes in a consistent, recognizable manner. Even the markings on the legs of the poor cheetah being held up by the tail in front of the Cabinet des Médailles donkey and the stripes on the dangling paw of the leopard skin worn by the satyr who follows behind Dionysos on the Paris cup show the same treatment. So too do the stripes of the half-hidden feline on the fragmentary Circe cup by the artist in Athens.16

8. One of the most appropriate passages occurs in Book 2, lines 786-806.
9. See for example the skyphos in Vienna, Kunsthistorisches Museum, 3710, ARV 380, 171; the kylix in London, E 69, ARV 369, 2; the kylix in the Walter Bareiss Collection, no. 346 (now on loan to the Getty Museum), Para. 367, 1 bis.
11. See the child to the right of Achilles on the Vienna skyphos, no. 3710, mentioned in note 9; also the child on the right side of the battle scene on side B of the kylix in the Louvre, G 152, ARV 369, 1; the little servant who leads the procession of revelers on side A of the skyphos in the Louvre, G 156, ARV 380, 172.
13. Getty Museum acc. no. 81.AE.206.12. The attribution to the Brygos Painter was first suggested by Dietrich von Bothmer.
16. Acropolis no. 293, ARV 369, 5.
Other typically Brygan elements on the Getty sherds, the double groundline and the berries surrounding the leaves of the maenad’s thyrsos picked out in black against the reserved pleats of her skirt, are not conclusive indicators for attribution by themselves. They appear as well on works by the artist’s followers. Still, their presence here in combination with the individual treatment of the satyr’s features and the animals’ markings is valuable affirmation of the attribution. The hastily drawn foot and drapery on the inside and the rather careless execution of the maenander border suggest a date somewhat later than the cups in Paris and Athens, in the decade between 480 and 470 B.C.

Satyrs and maenads are common subjects for the artists of the Brygan circle, who loved to depict revelry in any form, human or mythological. Two pairs of playful silens chase female partners around the outside of a third, more complete kylix in the museum’s collection (figs. 4–6). The foot and scattered fragments of the bowl are missing, and one handle does not actually join any preserved edge on the cup. In addition, the surface has suffered considerable damage. Areas of both black and reserved ground have worn away on the exterior, obscuring finer details, especially the articulation of the satyrs’ bodies.

Between the handles on either side, two satyrs frisk around the central figure of a dancing maenad. All six figures move together, though not with equal momentum, to the right. This forward motion finally halts before a fantastic rock formation which forms a sort of punctuation point behind the right satyr on side B. (fig. 5). Inside the cup (fig. 4), a coarsely drawn maenander border surrounds the single elegant maenad. Running to left, she turns her head back toward an unseen pursuer, conveniently filling the center of the tondo with her frontal torso and widespread arms.

All three maenads are dressed alike in finely pleated chitons bound up with red tasseled cords and decorated above the woven selvages of the skirts with a narrow black stripe. The two who preserve their heads wear patterned sakkoi over their dark hair, and the maenad inside the cup also wears a large disc-shaped earring with a central boss. The spotted snakes and large thyrsoi carried by all three and the leopard skins knotted around the shoulders of the two women on the outside distinguish them as Bacchic.

17. Getty Museum acc. nos. 76.AE.131 and 81.AE.77; diameter: 22.5 cm.; width with handles (approximate): 31 cm.
Figure 5. Malibu 76.AE.131 and 81.AE.77. Side B.

Figure 6. Malibu 76.AE.131 and 81.AE.77. Side A.

Figure 8. Malibu 81.AE.206.14. interior, with edge of maeander border.
revelers. The satyrs wear only wreaths of delicately entwined red vines and carry or drag half-empty wineskins (two are inscribed KAVOS). The right satyr on side A holds a drinking horn as well, which he offers to the maenad who dances in front of him.

The inscribed wineskins, unnatural rock, spotted snakes, and leafy thyrsoi with their haloes of berries are typical features of Brygan revels, as are the nonsense inscriptions with recognizable letters running around the figures both inside and out. The flattish, balding heads of the Malibu satyrs with hair bound up at the nape of the neck, little horn-like, forward-pointing ears, snub noses, and carefully delineated lower lips find many parallels on works accepted as the artist's own. Further, the wiry body of the best preserved satyr, on the left of side B, shows in the fine articulation of its musculature a close relationship with human figures too, especially the central dancer on the neck of an oinochoe in Orvieto. The Orvieto oinochoe may be dated among the later works of the Brygos Painter. Similarly, the tondo figure of the Malibu cup with her delicate profile and elongated proportions has close relatives among the running maidens whose splayed skirts and frontal torsoes fill the tondos of several of the painter's late cups. Even the coarse drawing of the pattern on her sakkos and the surrounding maeander border have parallels to support attribution to the late Brygos Painter, the artist of 480–470 B.C., in whom, as Beazley observed, "the fire burned down."

There does exist one feature which is troublesome for the acceptance of this cup as a work by the Brygos Painter himself—the use on the exterior of the single groundline beneath the dancing figures. The Brygos Painter used the single groundline on other vase shapes, but no kylix of Type B as yet attributed to the artist shows this important class of plastic vases, the animal head rhyta of the so-called Brygan Class. These vase are not numerous—and only sixteen certain examples have been published—and they take their name from the fact that they are, with three exceptions, attributed to the Brygos Painter. Two new examples can now be added to this list. One is in the Getty Museum's collection (figs. 9–11), the other was re-

In a group of ten related fragments from another kylix, the evidence for attribution is even less conclusive (figs. 7,8). Parts of at least four frolicking satyrs survive here on the outside. The right hand of one appears to hold the loop of wineskin and another lies stretched out, infibulated, beneath one handle, the root of which begins just above his shin. Inside, the edge of a maeander border that once framed the tondo scene remains. Not one figure approaches completeness, and though the features of the two partially preserved heads resemble the satyrs on the more complete vase just discussed, none is complete enough to support an attribution more specific than Brygan.

Brygan is a term which has also been applied to an important class of plastic vases, the animal head rhyta of the so-called Brygan Class. These vase are not numerous—only sixteen certain examples have been published—and they take their name from the fact that they are, with three exceptions, attributed to the Brygos Painter. Two new examples can now be added to this list. One is in the Getty Museum's collection (figs. 9–11), the other was re-
I have not had the opportunity to study the Mexican rhyton first hand. However, the piece was restored by Mrs. Penelope Potter, now with the museum’s photography department, and she has provided valuable information on many details as well as numerous photographs of the vase in the process of restoration. Unfortunately, I cannot provide any documentation of inscriptions at this time. The Mexican rhyton is purported to have been found at Vulci, and it is likely that the Getty rhyton was originally found there as well.

Both are hounds’ heads with a single handle set beneath the chin along the axis of the head, comparable in form to the hound excavated at Aléria in Corsica.

The condition of the new pair of rhyta is too fragmentary to confirm that they were made from the same mould as the Aléria hound and, perhaps, also the two other examples in the Villa Giulia and Leningrad. The dimensions which are preserved, however, are close to the other three. All five are also similar in their general scheme of decoration. The Mexican rhyton shows especially clearly an articulation of the features of the alert black head comparable to the three published hounds: long white whiskers at the muzzle, shorter tufts around the jowls and in front of the ears, lobed lines around the outer edges of the orbital cavities also done in white, exaggerated double tear ducts in added red, and red around the soft edges of the mouth. Like the other three, both of the new heads preserve the purplish-red paint for the insides of the ears and the collars that separate the red-figured rims from the

Nécropole Préromaine d’Aléria (1973) p. 471.
37. Inv. no. 867, ARV² 382, 187.
38. Inv. no. 679, ARV³ 382, 188.
39. The diameters of both the Getty piece and the Mexican rhyton are approximately 11.2 cm. Since the rims were wheel-made and added separately, they cannot be direct evidence for the size of the molds; however, the rim size depends closely upon the size of the opening left when the two sides of the head are joined, and the other three examples are all slightly more than 11 cm. across at the rim.
Figure 12. Hound's head rhyton by the Brygos Painter. Mexico City, private collection.

Figure 13. Mexico City rhyton. Side A.

Figure 14. Mexico City rhyton. Side C.
plastic heads. In all five examples, this collar is decorated diagonally with wavy, fine white lines. The purplish-red paint on the interior of the heads below the black inner rim and the cyma patterns around the rims’ outer edges are decorative details shared with all rhyta of the Brygos Class.

Such consistency in the decorative schemes of the plastic parts suggests at least the controlling influence of one artist. The red figure decoration on the rims confirms this suggestion and narrows it down to a firm attribution. Beazley has already attributed the painting of the three known hounds’ heads to the Brygos Painter himself. Thus, it is not surprising that the two new examples fit comfortably with this artist’s style.

The Getty rhyton is decorated around the rim with a symposium. Two seminude youths recline comfortably on either side of a bearded man. While the youth on side A entertains on the double flutes, the central figure turns to his other companion, his finger crooked around the handle of his drinking cup in preparation for a game of kotabos. This third fellow is busily engaged in tying a fillet around his curly head. On the wall behind each hangs his basket of provisions, suspended from a red cord and decorated with red tassels, and his walking stick (the basket on side C is lost, but the bottom of the stick remains). In added red in the field near each figure is inscribed KAVOS.

One of the artist’s favorite subjects for the decoration of kylites, the symposium scene appears as well on the hound’s head rhyta from Aléria and the Villa Giulia, and on two of the Brygan stemmed rhyta with plastic rams’ heads.41 The black-bordered himation draped around the lower bodies, striped cushions, provision baskets, and walking sticks are all standard paraphernalia for these gatherings. Of the three figures, the flutist (fig. 9) especially finds numerous parallels among the Brygan symposiasts. The same details of extended cheeks and relief lines which define the two closely held pipes and cross through the outlines of the musician’s widely spread fingers appear, for example, in the figure on side A of the stemmed ram’s head rhyton in Genoa.42 The bearded man on side B of the same Genoese cup resembles in pose and profile what remains of the central figure on the Getty cup (fig. 10), though the Genoa man appears simply to hold his kylix with his little finger gently extended rather than to prepare for rowdy gaming. The third companion on the Getty rhyton (fig. 11) has his right leg drawn up beneath him with the foot shown in the same awkward frontal perspective as that of the youth on side C of the Aléria hound’s head. It is his gesture of binding the fillet around his head that has no parallel among the published Brygan vases.43 More commonly identified with proto-Panaitian artists,44 this pose does appear in the tondo of a kylix in the Louvre attributed to Onesimos.45 Since vase scholars have long speculated on a close working relationship between Onesimos and the Brygos Painter at some point early in the latter’s career, the Getty fillet binder may serve as another affirmation of this important association rather that as an objection to the proposed attribution. Together with the related rhyta in Genoa and Aléria, the Getty vase can be dated to the decade 480-470 B.C.

It is not one gesture that is unusual in the decoration of the rim of the hound’s head now in Mexico, it is the entire composition—the only known palaestra scene on a rhyton attributed to the Brygos Painter (fig. 12). On side A is a trainer clothed in a himation and soft, low shoes (fig. 13). Around his head he wears a unusual red wreath with a single long tendril that curls above his forehead. He sits with his left leg drawn back and at least one arm extended to hold the walking stick before him. Against the background wall are various pieces of palaestra equipment: the discus bag, the crossed javelins, even a knotted fillet. A bearded judge stands on side B, between a small, bushy tree and a fluted half-column. Dressed like the trainer except for the simpler wreath around his head, he leans to the right on the knotted stick propped under his left arm-pit. With his left hand he holds a long, straight rod, and with his right he greets the athlete who approaches him on side C (fig. 14).

This athlete is the victor, distinguished by the long taeniae tied around his head, upper arm, and left thigh. Bending forward, dropping the walking stick from his right hand, he seems to be laying down the leafy branches which he carries, perhaps tokens he has gathered from the appreciative crowd who witnessed his victory. Again the background is littered with implements of the exercise field: the pick used to prepare the earth for jumping and the halteres.

Though Hartwig’s original impression that the Brygos Painter executed no athletic subjects46 has been revised by a century of discoveries and attributions, scenes of the palaestra are still relatively rare among the artist’s vases. Fortunately, one, the Boston skyphos referred to above, cup by the Brygos Painter in Brauron with the figure of Danae binding a fillet around her head in a remarkably similar fashion.43 I am indebted to D. von Bothmer for this information. 44. Louvre C11338, ARV² 326, 88. 45. P. Hartwig, Die griechischen Meisterschalen der Blütezeit des strengen rothfiguren Stiles (1893) p. 364.
proves to be a generous source for parallels with many of the details on the Mexican rhyton. The strange curling wreath of the trainer of side A, the discus bag with its black crescent-shaped strap attachments and furry surface subtly indicated in dilute wash, the four-legged stool, pick, crossed javelins, and halteres (in use) all reappear in comparable form, along with the bearded, standing judge. The trainer on side A is also closely related to the seated youth on side B of the Brygos Painter’s kylix in Copenhagen, who is similarly dressed and seated. As for the appearance in the Brygan palaestra of a half-column and a tree with leaves indicated in red along either side of its spiky branches, a single fragment attributed to the artist in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum can offer evidence for both features. All of these comparisons suggest a date somewhere around 480 B.C. for the Mexican example, contemporary with the Getty hound’s head.

Only the pose of the victorious athlete finds no comparison among the known athletic scenes by the Brygos Painter. However, a parallel does exist for it in the bending figure of a youth within the tondo of an earlier cup in Warsaw, attributed by Beazley to the Thalia Painter. Likewise decked out in a long fillet and wreaths, he carries a walking stick under his arm and offers leafy branches in his outstretched hands. What is not certain is the reason for this youth’s adornment. The exterior of the Warsaw cup is decorated with a komos scene, and the tondo figure may well be a reveler rather than a victorious athlete, since fillets and wreaths are common and prominent elements in many scenes of carousing. But victory is surely just cause for revelry, and whether reveler or victor, the festive appearance of each of these elaborately filleted youths is well-suited to decorate the rim or bowl of a wine cup.

Since all of the Brygan vases discussed here are wine cups, the types of vases from which the style of the artist is best known, in conclusion it seems most appropriate to give a résumé of the contributions that these new pieces make to our knowledge of the work of the Brygos Painter and his followers. The most complete kylix, though given here to the Briseis Painter, has introduced the possibility that the Brygos Painter himself may have used a single groundline in his exterior compositions on kylikes of Type B, a feature hitherto unknown among his accepted cups. The two hounds’ head rhyta have almost doubled the tiny number of known Brygan Class rhyta of this type and add a new theme, the palaestra scene, to the subjects found on rhyta attributed to the Brygos Painter. Although the fillet binder on the Getty rhyton and the bowing athlete on the hound’s head in Mexico are figure types known from works by other artists, they are new among the published works of this painter. Finally, the fragment with Iris and the observing child adds another original composition to the Brygos Painter’s list of cups which treat mythological, and perhaps more specifically, Homeric subjects. Its beauty also encourages the hope that additional fragments may eventually be added to complete the unfinished scene.

Malibu

POSTSCRIPT

Since this article went to press, two fragments pertinent to the vases discussed here have been identified in the Getty collection. The first (figs. 15 and 16) belongs with the Bry gan cup fragments 81.AE.206.14, illustrated in figs. 7 and 8. Although the sherd does not join the others, a band of greenish misfired glaze in the black area around the maenander border inside is present at exactly the same level in the bowl as it appears on the inside of the two other fragments which include part of the tondo’s maenander border. In addition to the edges of the three maenander squares within, the fragment preserves outside the remains of a bearded satyr who has both of his forearms within the mouth of a very large, low vessel, perhaps a basin or a column krater. Its number will be the same as the other pieces. The second fragment (figs. 17 and 18, Getty acc. no. 81.AE.206.13) came as a surprise. From the outside, it looked like an addition to the cup 81.AE.206.12. On a double groundline with exactly the same spacing between its lines as 81.AE.206.12 is the hoof and striped lower leg of a donkey or mule moving to the right with a human foot beside it, both very similar in style to the figures on the exterior of 81.AE.206.12. Inside is the proof that this is a different cup. The remains of the tondo composition, a corner of rock or wineskin, the tail and foot of a satyr, and the edges of the black-bordered himation and finely pleated chiton of a maenad, show that the subject within both cups was the same. However, the maenander border has a smaller diameter, and the drawing of both the maenander pattern and the figures is much more careful. The pattern of folds along the chiton’s edge and the foot and tail of the satyr recall some of the Brygos Painter’s finer compositions and a date ca. 480 B.C. would seem correct for this new piece.

46. Thorvaldsen Museum no. 112, ARV3 374, 60.
47. No. 22.139.80, ARV3 374, 60.
48. Inv. no. 198514, ARV3 113, 4.
49. For an example of a figure with one arm in a krater, see the Arroues cup now given to the Dokimasia Painter (though once thought to be by Brygos Painter), Berlin Staatliche Museen 2309, from Capua, Para.

406, 11 bis. Figures with both arms in a vessel are usually barking rather than dipping wine, but one comic exception with arms, shoulders and head in a giant pithos appears on Getty no. 33.AE.150
50. Parallels for all details can be found on the Cabinet des Médailles cup 576, mentioned above in note 14.


Figure 18. Malibu 82.AE.206.13. Interior.
Mänadengelage und Götterliebe in Malibu
Zu einem Komplex attischer rotfiguriger Fragmente
aus Etrurien im J. Paul Getty Museum

Adrienne Lezzi-Hafter


KATALOG.


1. MANNHEIMER MALER.

1. Kleine Oinochoe. Abb. 1.3.
Inv. Nr. 76.AE.105A 1-5


Neben den Abkürzungen des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts für Publikationen (Archäologischer Anzeiger 1977, 673ff.) und Zeitschriften (Archäologische Bibliographie 1979, Xff.) werden folgende Abkürzungen verwendet:


2. J. D. Beazley, Campana Fragments in Florence, 1933. Zu den Aufbe

wahrungsorten siehe S.35, heute z.T. wieder verändert?


Ich möchte an dieser Stelle Paola Pelagatti für ihre Erlaubnis danken, die Fragmente zu sehen und zu publizieren.


Abb. 3. Wiederherstellung der kleinen Oinochoe des Mannheimer Malers (Nr. 1) (Abb. 1-2).


Zustand: 9 z.T. aneinander passende Fragmente aus dem Körper. Oranger Ton, Miltos, schwarzer Firnis. Innenseite des Körpers leicht gerippt und strähnig braun gefirnisst. Höhe des größten Teiles 8,0, Wanddicke beim Mäander 0,3 cm. Höhe der Figuren ergänzt ca. 10,5. Höhe des Gefäßes vermutlich um 22 cm.


Figürliche Verzierung: Libationsszene. Erhalten sind Teile eines Mannes, in seinen Mantel gehüllt, der nach rechts gewandt, einen gebogenen Stock in der rechten Hand hält. Vor ihm steht, mit dem Rücken zu ihm, eine Frau in Chiton und Peplos. Im Vergleich zu 2 und zur fragmentarischen Kanne Va im Louvre (Kerameus 2, Taf. 67a; ein Fragment in New Yorker Privatbesitz wurde ihr kürzlich "beigefügt") ist der Mann links außen bärtig und wohl gekränzt oder mit einer Tänie im Haar zu ergänzen. Seine spiegelbildliche Verdoppelung schließt die rechte Bildseite ab. In der Mitte steht die Frau und gießt aus einer Kanne.
Wein in eine metallene Phiale. Die Figuren weisen keine Reliefkontur auf.

Ornament: rechtsschläger, einmal gebrochener Mäander.

Zuschreibung an den Mannheimer Maler: vgl. zum Mann mit dem Stock die Kanne Kunsthandel (Kerameus 2, Taf. 65c) und Kanne Hannover (Kerameus 2, Taf. 176b (Bilder b und c vertauscht), zur Frau die gleichen Kannen (Kerameus 2, Taf. 65c und 66b).

Datierung: um 460-450 v.Chr.

Replik von 2.

2. Kleine Oinochae. Abb. 4-5.
Inv. Nr. 76.AE.105 B 1-5.
Form: Va, wie 1.


Ornament: rechtlaufiger, einmal gebrochener Mâander, unterbrochen durch eine punktierte Kreuzplatte.

Zuschreibung: wie 1.

Bemerkung: die Verteilung zwischen 1 und 2 der Fragmente aus der Peplosfigur und dem Mâander ist in diesem Zustand nicht letztlich zu entscheiden.

Inv. Nr. 76.AE.106 B 1–3.
Form: Va, wie 1.

Wohl dazugehörige Fragmente Villa Giulia: Abb. 7.
6 z. T. aneinander passende Fragmente aus Mündung, Hals und Schulter, Tonbeschaffenheit wie oben. Ergänzter Durchmesser Mündung 9–9,5 cm.

Ornament: auf der Mündungslippe punktiert Eierstab, auf der Schulter rechtsgerichteter Myrrtenzweig mit weiß aufgemalten Stielen und Beeren.

Zuschreibung an die Werkstatt des Mannheimer Malers: ein Myrrtenzweig als Schulterverzierung ist zwar im bisher bekannten Oeuvre des Mannheimer Malers neu (vgl. aber
den Myrtenzweig auf Kannen Va des Schuwalow-Malers, Kerameus 2, Taf. 107a-b), der Eierstab und die Gefäßform sind jedoch so typisch, daß eine Zugehörigkeit zu dieser Werkstatt ausser Frage steht.

Bemerkung: dieses Oberteil einer Kanne könnte zu einer der beiden Kannen 1 oder 2 gehören.

Inv. Nr. 76.AE.106 A.
Form: Va, wie 1.
Zustand: einzelnes Schulterfragment. Oranger Ton, Miltos, schwarzer Firnis, innen auf Halsteil braun gefirnisiert. Länge 5,6, Wanddicke beim Eierstab 0,25 cm.
Ornament: auf der Schulter punktierter Eierstab.
Bemerkung: könnte zu 1 oder 2 gehören.—In der Villa Giulia gibt es Hals und Mündung einer Oinochoe, wie alle anderen aufgeführten Fragmente der Sammlung Castellani ebenfalls ohne Inventarnummer, die nach Form und Ornament hierher gehört und die vielleicht mit dem Schalterfragment 4 in Verbindung gebracht werden könnte: Abb. 9. Durchmesser Mündung 9,5, Höhe erhalten 8,1 cm. Auf der Mündung punktierter Eierstab.

Inv. Nr. 76.AE.104 A 1-10.
Form: Va, wie 1.
Abb. 15. Mannheimer Maler, Fragmente der grossen Oinochoe (Nr. 5). Malibu 76.AE.104 A 1–10


Für Beinmuskeln des Poseidon verdünnter Firnis.


Zuschreibung an den Mannheimer Maler: s. 6.

Datierung: um 450-440 v. Chr.

Replik von 6.

Abb. 17: Wiederherstellung des Körpers der grossen Oinochoe des Mannheimer Malers (Nr. 5).
Abb. 18. Wiederherstellung der Schulter der grossen Oinochoe des Mannheimer Malers (Nr. 5).

Abb. 19. Wiederherstellung der grossen Oinochoe des Mannheimer Malers (Nr. 5).

Form: Va, wie 1.
Zustand: 22 z.T. aneinander passende Fragmente aus Hals und Körper. Oranger Ton, starker Miltos, schwarzer regelmäßiger Firnis, aufgemaltes Weiß. Innenseite stark gerippt und heller gefirnisst wie 5; Hals bis auf Schulterknick dunkelbraun gefirnisst. Größte Höhe Schulterfragment 7,2, Wanddicke beim Eierstab 0,25, beim Mänder 0,4 cm. Höhe der Figuren Schulter ergänzt ca. 5,5, 6 und 5 cm, Figuren Körper ca. 12,5 cm. Höhe des Gefäßes vermutlich um 30 cm.

Darzugehörende Fragmente Villa Giulia: Abb. 21–23,25, 27. 6 z.T. aneinander passende Fragmente: Tonbeschaffenheit wie oben, aufgemaltes Weiß. Länge des größten Fragmentes 9,4, Wanddicke beim Mänder 0,4–0,5 cm.


Ergänzung der Fliehenden links außen: seit Bekanntwerden der Malibu-Fragmente ist mir im Louvre eine weitere Kanne aufgefallen, die ebenfalls dem Mannheimer Maler zugeschrieben werden muß: Abb. 45 und unten S. 103. Sie gibt die gleiche Ikonographie wie auf den Körpern der Kanne 5 und 6 wieder, fragmentarisch auch sie, aber spiegelbildlich. Vom verfolgenden Mann blieb nur der linke Fuß erhalten, kein Dreizack ragt hinter ihm her; das von ihm weg fliehende Mädchen weist mit ihrem rechten Arm die gleiche Stellung auf wie die Fliehende links mit ihrem linken Arm auf dem Kannenpaar. Vielleicht läßt sich für unsere Fliehende die rechte Hand analog zur derjenigen im Louvre ergänzen. Die Louvre-Figur trägt im übrigen einen armellosen Chiton und eine andere Haartracht.


Replik von 5.

Erwähnt in: Painting on Vases in Ancient Greece, Exhibition at Loyola Marymount University California, 1979, Nr. 34 (dort noch 76.AE.106).
Abb. 22. Wiederherstellung des Halses der grossen Oinochoe des Mannheimer Malers (Nr. 6).

Abb. 23. Wiederherstellung des Körpers der grossen Oinochoe des Mannheimer Malers (Nr. 6).

Abb. 25. Mannheimer Maler, Fragmente der grossen Oinochoe (Nr. 6). Malibu (L), Malibu (M), Villa Giulia (R).

Abb. 27. Mannheimer Maler, Fragmente der grossen Oinochoe (Nr. 6). Villa Giulia.
ZU DEN BILDERN DES GROßEN KANNENPÄARES DES MANNHEIMER MALERS (KATALOG 5 UND 6).

ABB. 17–18, 22–23.

Schulterbild:


Bauchbild:

7. Makron: Beazley ARV² 461, 36; Para. 377. Caskey/Beazley (s. unten unter XIII der Replikenliste) III Taf. 78, Nr. 138. Mannheimer Maler:
Ging der Mannheimer Maler im Schulterbild ikonographisch eigene Wege, so folgte er im Bauchbild dem ge-}


Zur Identifizierung der von Poseidon Verfolgten ist schon viel Tinte geflossen. Da der Mannheimer Maler mit Beigaben geizte oder der Zufall nicht günstig gesinnt war, kann dazu nicht viel mehr als eine Vermutung ausge-}

sprochen werden.

Die Verfolgte, Auserwählte wird nicht allein überrascht, sie befindet sich inmitten einer Mädchenchars. Hat der Mannheimer Maler eine inhaltlich zusammenhängende Bemalung dieses Kannepaares angestrebt? Nicht nur ist die Kanne ein Weingefäß, auch die Mänaden führen in die dionysische Sphäre. Poseidon sah Amphitrite mit ihren Schwestern, die Nereiden, auf der Insel Naxos, um deren Besitz Dionysos im Kampf mit Poseidon siegte, tanzen und von dort nahm er sie, um sie zur Mitherrscherin über die Meere zu machen. Sehen wir auf den Oinochoen Malibu/ Villa Giulia das Bild von Poseidon, wie er Amphitrite aus dem Kreis ihrer Schwestern entführt?


**Abb. 29. Schuwalow Maler, Fragment der Oinochoe (Nr. 7). Malibu 76.AE.89 B.**

Datierung: um 450-440 v.Chr.

Eine gesamtheitliche Übersicht über den Mannheimer Maler und sein Oeuvre mit den seit Kerameus 2 neu hinzugekommenen Stücken soll zu einem späteren Zeitpunkt vorgelegt werden.

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II. SCHUWALOW-MALER.

Inv. Nr. 76.AE.89 B.

Form: IV, vgl. 8.

Zustand: ein Schulterfragment. Oranger Ton, Reste von Miltos, schwarzer Firnis. Innenseite ohne Schulter braun gefirnisiert. Länge 6,0 cm.


Datierung: um 430-425 v.Chr.

Inv. Nr. 76.AE.89 A.


Abb. 31. Schuwalow Maler, Oinochoe (Nr. 8). Malibu 76.AE.89 A.


Abb. 32. Zeichnung nach der Oinochoe des Schuwalow-Malers (Nr. 8)

Abb. 34. Wiederherstellung der Pelike des Frauenbad-Malers (Nr. 9) (Abb. 33).


Datierung: um 425-420 v.Chr.

III. FRAUENBAD-MALER.


Form: der Frauenbad-Maler benutzte verschiedene Pelikenformen. Welcher die vorliegenden Fragmente entsprechen, kann nicht sicher entschieden werden.

Zustand: 13 z.T. aneinander passende Fragmente aus dem Körper. Oranger Ton, Miltos, schwarzer Firnis, aufgemaltes Weiß. Hals schwarz, Bauchinnenseite meist braun gefirniszt. Höhe größter Komplex (B-Seite) 6,9, Wanddicke beim Eierstab 0,25-0,3 cm. Höhe Figuren ergänzt ca. 9-9,5, vermutliche Höhe des Gefäßes um 18 cm.


Ornament: beidseitig fluchtig gemalter, beschränkter Eierstab.


Datierung: um 430 v.Chr.

Bemerkung: vgl. auch 10 und 16.

10. Fragment wohl einer Pelike. Abb. 35.

Inv. Nr. 76.AE.108 B.


Datierung: um 430 v.Chr.

Bemerkung: könnte allenfalls zu 9 gehören. Vgl. auch 16.

IV. UEBRIGE FRAGMENTE.


Inv. Nr. 76.AE.107 B 1.


Figurliche Verzierung: Reste wohl einer Mantel- oder Peplosfigur.

Datierung: wohl zweite Hälfte 5. Jh. v.Chr.
Inv. Nr. 76.AE.107 B 2.
Figürliche Verzierung: Reste einer Mantel- oder Pепlosfigur.
Datierung: wohl zweite Hälfte 5. Jh. v.Chr.

Inv. Nr. 76.AE.107 A 1.
Form: IV, siehe 8.
Verzierung: ein Fingerbreit unterhalb der Mündungsansatz verlaufen zwei vertiefte Rillen, was bei Oinochoen dieser Form eher selten vorkommt. Um den Hals, bevor er zur Schulter umbiegt, liegt ein punktierter, flüchtig gemalter Eierstab.
Datierung: wohl drittes Viertel 5. Jh. v.Chr.

Inv. Nr. 76.AE.107 A 2.
Form IV: s. 8.
Zustand: ein Fragment aus Schulter und Hals. Oranger Ton, Miltos, schwarzer Firnis innen und außen bis auf Schulteransatz innen. Länge 6,45 cm.
Verzierung: ein knapper Zentimeter unterhalb des Mundansatzes verlaufen zwei vertiefte Rillen, was bei Oinochoen dieser Form eher selten vorkommt. Um den Hals, bevor er zur Schulter umbiegt, liegt ein punktierter, flüchtig gemalter Eierstab.
Datierung: wohl drittes Viertel 5. Jh. v.Chr.

Inv. Nr. 76.AE.107 C 1-3.
Zustand: drei nicht anpassende Fragmente eines geschlossenen Gefäßes. Oranger Ton, schwarzer Firnis, innen braun gefirnisst. Auf einem der Fragmente (Länge 2,6 cm) Reste eines Kopfumrisses, vielleicht einer Frau.
Datierung: zweite Hälfte 5. Jh. v.Chr.
Inv. Nr. 76.AE.108 C 1-2.

Inv. Nr. 76.AE.107 D 1.
Zustand: ein Fragment, vermutlich vom Hals eines geschlossenen Gefäßes. Stark oranger Ton, beidseitig schwarzer Firnis.

18. Fragment. Abb. 43.
Inv. Nr. 76.AE.107 D 2.

19. Fragment. Abb. 44.
Inv. Nr. 76.AE.107 D 3.
Im vorliegenden Fragmentenkomplex kommen gleich zwei Kannenpaare vor, beide vom Mannheimer Maler bemalt (Kat. Nr. 1 und 2, 5 und 6). Aus seinem Oeuvre ist bereits seit langem ein Paar bekannt und berühmt, das den Oinochoen 5 und 6 sehr nahe steht. Es sind die Kannen gleicher Form in der Villa Giulia und in London. 12


Auf einer schwarzfigurigen Pelike des Theseus-Malers 15 ist nicht nur im selben Bild zweimal die gleiche Figur (ein flötender Satyr in Begleitung eines Geißbockes) wiedergegeben, sondern zu allem Überfluß wiederholt die Rückseite das Bild der Vorderseite: viermal die gleiche Gruppe, mit den für die attische Vasenmalerei üblichen kleinen, durch freihändiges Wiederholen entstandenen Abweichungen. Da es sich hier jedoch nur um eine einzige Vase handelt, kann man höchstens von Bildrepliken reden.


Das paarweise Auftreten von Gefäßen als Grabbeigaben ist seit geraumer Zeit aufgefallen. In den letzten Jahren ist den "Repliken" wieder vermehrt Aufmerksamkeit geschenkt worden, wobei das Schwergewicht der Untersuchungen auf den vielfältigen Kombinationsmöglichkeiten, die die "variationssüchtigen Athener" 14 auf den Gefäßwänden ins Bild umsetzten, lag.

Der Zufall will es, daß das Getty-Museum mehrere Beispiele dazu in seinen "römischen" Mauern birgt.

Auch sind die Ranken, die die Palmetten auf 2. umschreiben, nur einseitig reliefiert, ein Umstand, den man im späten 5. Jh. sonst eher bei quatscharmer Massenware antrifft. 18

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Abb. 46-47. Oinochoe. Malibu L80.AE.72.A.

Abb. 48-49. Oinochoe. Malibu L80.AE.72.B.


Zu dieser Kategorie gehören die Kannenpaare des Mannheimer Malers; ein drittes Replikenpaar, vom Villa Giulia-Maler, befindet sich ebenfalls in Malibu. Es folgt, zur besseren Übersicht, eine Liste der mir bekannten Replikenpaare, ungefähr chronologisch geordnet.


Verschiedene Kymatien.


VI. 1. Oinochoe Va fragmentarisch, Malibu 76, AE 105. 1 A 1-5 und Rom, Villa Giulia o. Nr. Hier Katalog Nr. 1. 2. Oinochoe Va fragmentarisch, Malibu 76, AE 105 B 1-5. Hier Katalog Nr. 2. Libationsszene. Mann-
heimer Maler. Zu fragmentarisch, um Bildunterschiede zu erkennen.


2. Stamnos Leningrad B 2353. Beazley ARV² 1144,7. 1684; Para. 455,517 Höhe 38,5 cm. Peredolskaja (oben unter IX.2) Taf. 141, Nr. 209.


22. A. Oliver Jr., The reconstruction of two Apulian Tomb Groups (5. Bei­heft AntK 1968), S.7f. und Taf. 3; S. 10f. und Taf. 7, 2–3.
vor allem, weniger oft nach Spina, einmal nach Sizilien, das auch in Bezug auf die Gefäßauswahl sich von den etruskischen Städten abhebt.21


Ein zweites mag beim Lesen der Liste ins Auge gefallen sein: Drei Paare allein sind vom Mannheimer Maler bemalt. Der Topfer dieses Malers hatte um 460 v.Chr. etwa eine Kannenwerkstatt gegründet, die mit den zeitbedingten Wechseln in Gefäßformen, Malern und Sujets, über längere Zeit zu verfolgen ist. So gehören auch die Replikenpaare XIII und XIV zu dieser Tradition. Da scheint sich eine Werkstatt einem besonderen Bedürfnis angenommen zu haben, da sie neben den expliziten Repliken auch andere, ikonographisch lockerer aneinander gebundene Paare, wie etwa das Kannenpaar des Malers von München 2335 jetzt in Malibu, hervorgebracht hat.24
Satyrspielvasen in Malibu

Frank Brommer


Abb. 2a-c. Fragmente einer attisch rotfigurigen Amphora. Malibu, Sammlung Bareiss S.80.AE.175.
Abb. 3. Attisch rotfigurige bauchige Lekythos. Malibu, Sammlung Bareiss S80.AE.34.
wie die Pelta auch. Er ist glatt, ohne Fell, wie die Schurze vor der Pronomosvase allgemein. Es handelt sich zusammen mit den Stamnosbruchstücken desselben Malers im Louvre, wo der Körper der Silene allerdings gefleckt ist, um die frühesten bisher bekannten Darstellung des Satyrspielschurzes.7 Das Amphorabild ist um 480/70 v.Chr. zu datieren.

Aus der Sammlung Bareiss stammt auch eine dritte Satyrspielvase (Abb. 3).8 Es handelt sich um eine rotfigurige bauchige Lekythos, die etwa um 430 v.Chr. in Athen gemalt wurde. Ein Silen steht in leicht gebückter Haltung, leicht in die Kniee gegangen mit geschlossenen Füßen nach rechts gewandt da. Er hat die Linke auf den Oberschenkel gestützt und streckt die Rechte mit abgespreizten Zeigefinger nach rechts aus. Dort sitzt etwas erhöht eine Sphinx und blickt ihn an. Zwischen beiden wächst eine Pflanze zum Zeichen, daß sich der Vorgang im Freien abspielt.


Im folgenden werden weitere Satyrspielvasen nachgetragen:

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347 Basel, Lg. Dr. R. Bloch Halsamphora Silen trägt Schemel. Vgl. Satyrspiele² Nr. 139–144.
349 Melbourne, Nat. Gall. kamp. Glockenkrater

350 Louvre K 537 luk. Nestoris LCS 170 Nr. 960 Taf. 75, 2.3 Silen bei Herakles-Nessos.
351 Boston 01.8024 Schale ARV² 173,9 Silen balanziert Kantharos auf Phallos spitze. Vgl. Satyrspiele² Nr. 119.
358 Adria B c 2 Schalenbruchstück CVA 7,1.—ARV² 875,3 satyr (as Atlas?) holding an apple. Vgl. Satyrspiele² Nr. 92 Abb. 29.
361 Freiburg, Kh. Schale Ein Silen mit Stock. S. Nr. 362.
363 Lipari T 1552 Kelchkrater (Doppelzonen)
Dr. Frel has kindly asked me to comment on an Etruscan black figure vase in the J. Paul Getty Museum. It is a neck amphora, purchased on the New York art market, that can be attributed to the Group of Munich 892. Other than Donati, Camporeale, and my own work on the Orvieto Group, recent scholarship has done little to expand Dohrn and Beazley's attributions of artists to Etruscan black figure workshops. Yet the number of vases published since then, particularly significant where they have been found with datable material, warrants re-evaluation and new investigation. Such studies are made more urgent because so little is known of Etruscan manufacturing centers. By comparing evidence from secure find spots, invaluable information can be gleaned not only to identify these centers but also to date their products more precisely.

For these reasons, I have carefully described, fully illustrated (figs. 1–3), and compared the Getty vase with known examples and have also examined the larger workshop relationships. As a result the number of vases that can be attributed to the Groups of Munich 892 and 883 (both a part of the Vulci production) is expanded, and I believe that their attribution to Vulci is more firmly established. Moreover, as little attention has been paid to the way in which Etruscan workshops operated, I discuss this question and examine the relationships between decorators (those who painted the less important subsidiary ornament) and the more important group masters, or figurative painters.²

I. THE GROUP OF MUNICH 892

The Getty vase, no. 245, belongs to a large class of late Etruscan black figure vases that has not been adequately studied. The shape and ornament are as follows: it has a cylindrical neck, echinus mouth, and is flat on top where it is also unglazed. It has a groove and ridge at the juncture of the mouth and neck, and the body is ovoid with a torus foot. The triple roll handles are attached at the top of the neck and on the shoulder. It is glazed inside the mouth down ca. 8.0 cm. and outside down to the groove on the

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² A detailed comparison of potters must be omitted from this study due to the inaccessibility of accurate measurements.

3. The Getty vase, acc. no. 71.AE.249, measures: height, 46.8 cm.; diameter, 28.3 cm.; lip diameter, 20.5 cm.; foot diameter, 13.9 cm.
Figure 1. Etruscan black figure neck amphora, Group of Munich 892. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum 71.AE.249. Side A.
Figure 2. Side B of Malibu 71.AE.249.
neck, on the exterior surface of the handles, and on the upper surface of the foot. The remainder is reserved and decorated as follows: the neck on A and B has three sets of two opposing palmettes alternating with two opposing lotus flowers divided in the center horizontally by a chain of circles with dot centers. On A (fig. 1) the lotus flowers have white on two outside petals; and there is a glaze line at the juncture of the neck and shoulder. On the shoulder there are tongues and, outside, a continuous scalloped line. Outside of this there are dots at each indentation of the scallop wave. Side A has a white line over each tongue. Encircling the vase, under the picture zone, there are three horizontal, dilute glaze lines enframing one bold glaze line above. Below this is a band with a connected chain of reversed palmettes and ivy leaves with dots on either side of a pair of ivy leaves. Below this is a band with a zig-zag with dots in the interstices. Rays are at the base. Under the handles (fig. 3) are interlaces of four circumscribed palmettes on spiral tendrils with a lotus pointed down, located in the center. At the middle of the interlace to the left, there is a lotus in the field; and to the right is a palmette and dot. The clay is reddish-yellow, and the glaze, black to brown.

The picture zones are decorated with compositions containing two figures. On A (fig. 1) there are two men, standing and frontal. While the left turns back and raises his right hand, he extends a wreath in his left. The right figure leans on a staff under his right arm. Both are dressed in a himation and have a mantle draped over the left arm. Each has forehead hair that projects away from the face and a knot at the nape of the neck. White paint is added for the fillets, eyes, and the himation and mantle borders. A lotus on an undulating stem springs from the ground between the two figures. On B (fig. 2) two women face each other, both dressed in three-quarter length sleeved chitons. The woman at the left holds her chiton skirt, with its long overfold, in her left hand and a wreath to the side in her right. The woman at the right raises her arms above her head, gesturing. White is added for hair bands and the chiton overfold, as well as neck and sleeve hems and the wreath.

The anatomy is poorly articulated. All four figures have elongated proportions and sloppy, undulating contours. Details, such as the facial profiles, consist of summary curves. Noses and chins are only "suggested" in a general way. The hands are either blobs of paint or flat shapes from which a thumb projects.

The shape and ornament of the Getty vase are characteristic of a larger group of late Etruscan black figure vases that are closely related to Munich amphora 892,5 the Groups of Munich amphora 883, and Vatican amphora 265.5 The group is characterized by the use of details such as double palmettes divided by a central chain on the neck, shoulder tongues with a wave and dots outside, hesitant drawing and rude figures, summary facial profiles, projecting forehead hair, knotted neck hair, and white added for hair bands, eyes, and hems.

The Getty vase is more closely related than vases of the other two groups to the Painter of Munich 892 by the manner in which the neck is decorated. The three opposing palmettes divided horizontally at mid-point by a chain of circles on Munich 892, is repeated on the Getty vase with two small differences. The Munich example has vertical lines instead of a lotus alternating with the palmettes.

4. EVP 18-23.

5. For Munich 892, SH 120, fig. 133; Dohrn II, 290 E; EVP 18; Emiliani, 156-7, no. 201; for Munich 883, s.v. SH 118, fig. 133, pl. 37; EVP 18,
and there are no dots in the circles. The second, closely allied, group of Munich 883 is distinguished by dry, elongated opposed palmettes that indicate a different decorator, but one who most certainly belongs in the same workshop as both the Munich 892 and Getty vases.

The Group of Munich 892 can be expanded and divided as follows:6

**Neck Amphorae**

1. Munich, Staatsliche Antiken Sammlungen und Glyptothek 892, from Vulci. Neck: opposing three palmettes divided vertically by a line, and horizontally by a chain of circles; A-B, woman between two satyrs; SH 120, fig. 133; Dohrn II, 290E (assigns to Lotus Bud Group); EVP 18 (doubts Dohrn’s conclusion); Emiliorzi, 156-7, no. 201.

2. Florence, Mus. Arch. 70997, from Pescia. Neck: same as previous; A-B, biga, charioteer and man; Dohrn II, 290, pl. 56, 1-2 (same hand as Munich hydria 899); Magi, StEtr 16 (1942) 555, pl. 49, 1–2.

3. Viterbo, Mus. Civ. inv. 337/228, from Viterbo. Neck: same as Munich 892; A-B, two women; A. Scrattoni, Viterbo nei suoi monumenti (Rome, 1920) 380f., figs. 574, 575; A. Gargana, “Schedario del Museo Civico. Note sui vasi atticizzanti ed etrusco-laziali,” Bullettino municipale di Viterbo (June 1934) 4f., no. 3, fig. 2; L. Rossi Danielli, Gli Etruschi del Viterbese Scavi I. Ferento (Viterbo, 1959) 38, fig. 9, 47, fig. 20 (right); Emiliorzi, 156–7, no. 201 (assigns to the same class as Munich 892, but indicates that the figures differ).

4. Basel, private collection, from Vulci. Neck: same as Munich 892; A-B, two women; R. Hess, Raccolta R.H. Aus einer privatsammlung Basel (Stuttgart, 1963) no. 41 [figure similar to a Viterbo vase as well as Giglioli, pl. 130, 4; SH, fig. 131-2 (Munich 882–883)].

5. Richmond, Virginia Mus. of Fine Arts, 62.1.8, no prov. Neck: same as Munich 892, A, Herakles and Lion; B, Dionysos, satyr, maenad; Art Quarterly (1962) 164, fig. 3, 165 (A only); Ancient Art in the Virginia Museum (1973) no. 133.


**Stamnos**


**Column Krater**

8. Florence, Mus. Arch. 73342, from Bisenzo. Neck: black, A, centaur, warrior; B, two warriors in combat; Magi, StEtr 16 (1942) 555-6, figs. 3-4.


**Hydria**

10. Munich, Staatsliche Antiken Sammlungen und Glyptothek 899, no prov. Neck: chain of ivy leaves with points to the left; shoulder: banquet scene: two reclining symposiasts and a servant with a large amphora and tripod in the center; body: soldier between two women; SH, 123-4, fig. 141 (body) pl. 56,1,4 (shoulder); Dohrn II, 290 C, pl. 56, 1,4 (shoulder), (manufacture attributed to Caere; same painter as Florence 70997).

**Oinochoe**


**Olpai**

12. Copenhagen, Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, H 150, no prov. Lip and neck: rows of ivy leaves, zigzags and dots, zigzag, lozenge with dots in the interstices, vertical lines; body; two soldiers, F. Poulsen, Bildertafeln des etruskischen Museums der Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek (Copenhagen, 1928) 51.


**Kyathos**

14. Munich, Staatsliche Antiken Sammlungen und Glyptothek 960, no prov. Two women, two youths playing aulos, horse and rider; SH, p. 143, pl. 43.

**Closely Related to Groups of Munich 892 and 883:**

**Neck Amphorae**

15. Munich, Staatsliche Antiken Sammlungen und Glyptothek 887, no prov. Neck: upright palmettes between two florals (as on Munich 883); A-B, youth in a himation; SH 119, pl. 38; A. Magi infia, no. 16 (same figures as Munich 887).


17. Orvieto, La Collezione alla Querce, inv. 373, from Orvieto. Neck: opposing palmettes alternate with florals divided horizontally by a chain of circles; A-B, dancing satyr and maenad; Camporeale, 28-29, pl. 5, a-c (vicinity of Munich 886).

296; and for Vatican 265, EVP 19, 296 and new discussion by the present author in another forthcoming article.

6. EVP 18, no other vases are assigned to the painter by Beazley and Dohrn II 290 incorrectly placed Munich 892 in the Lotus Bud Group.
The first tentative classification of the Group of Munich 892 was proposed by Dohrn in 1938 when he recognized the same hand at work on Florence 70997 and Munich 892. Magi followed in 1941 and noted a close relationship between Florence 4138 and Munich 887. Camporeale in 1970 published an amphora from Orvieto (no. 17) which we have added to the group. Finally, Emiliozzi in 1974 correctly identified a close relationship between Viterbo 337/228 and Munich 892. Until now, however, no one has attempted to clarify the relationships among the artists of the workshop in a more definitive manner.

The first fourteen vases in the group share a close stylistic relationship, and the last three display traits related to both Groups of Munich 892 and 883. In each of the three groups, discrete distinctions between the artists' hands are difficult to define. Certain differences in the subsidiary decoration, however, allow one to attribute the neck and handle florals to three decorators; other artists were at work on the figurative scenes. The differences between the figures on Munich 892 and 883 could either be the result of the maturation of a single painter or possibly of two artists working side by side. The Group of Munich 892, however, appears to be the work of a single painter.

Careful observation of the distinctions between the two groups and their artists is informative about the manner in which workshops operated, particularly the relationship between the less important decorators and the master figurative painter. Close parallels for the form of the Getty vase exist in the Group of Munich 892. The shape is identical in Munich 892, Florence 70997, and Basel, Hess no. 41 and not far from Viterbo 337/228 and Richmond 62.1.8, both of which exhibit the slightly more elongated body and sloping shoulder similar to the last three vases of the group, namely Munich 887, Florence 4138, and Orvieto, Querče 373. The latter differs in that the belly has a slight hollow below the mid-section and is more bulbous at the base. We might surmise that the workshop had three potters. Other shapes found in the group—the hydria, oinochoe, and olpe—closely follow Attic black figure prototypes of the second half of the sixth century B.C. The hydria, in particular, depends on Attic prototypes of the Leagros Group.

The elongated petal forms of the neck palmettes of the Getty vase parallel those on Munich 892, Florence 70997, Viterbo 337/228, Basel, Hess no. 41, and Richmond 62.1.8. Each has three opposing sets of palmettes and a chain of circles dividing the mid-section horizontally. There are no exact parallels for the alternate lotuses of the Getty vase, as most examples display a vertical line separating the palmettes. Hamburg oinochoe 1222, Florence amphora 4138, and Orvieto amphora 373, however, have a lotus floral variant, and, like the Florence amphora, have circles that are not joined in a chain. Munich 887 displays a single palmette flanked by simple florals; it is similar in this detail to vases that can be assigned to the Group of Munich 883.

The shoulder ornament of a wave line outside of tongues on the Getty vase also appears on Munich 892 and Viterbo 337/228. Outside dots are omitted on the Viterbo and Florence vases, while the wave becomes an outline around the tongues. Ivy leaves replace the outside dots on Munich 892. Simple tongues are on the Basel and Richmond vases, and tongues alternate with lines on the Orvieto vase. The horizontal bands encircling the Getty vase beneath the picture panel are less common. All three groups utilize a variety of motifs in this zone. Still, the most common solution is a plain broad glaze band with two narrow bands on either side, below which are rays. Another motif on Munich 892 is the broken meander that can be found on Viterbo 337/228, Richmond 62.1.8, and Basel, Hess, no. 41 as well. Two types of lotus buds alternate on Florence 70997. The handle floral most closely resembles that on a vase that we cannot include in the Munich 892 Group, Florence amphora 80677. Both vases display connected double loops, but there are crosses with ivy leaves or dot circles on the Getty vase. The lotus at the left of center and the palmette to the right on the Florence example is supplanted with crosses or degenerate buds on the Getty vase, and there is a similar lotus at the base. No vase in the group, however, has the circumscribed palmettes of the Getty vase. All of the decorative elements rely on prototypes seen in late Attic black figure vases. Still, none of the Attic works displays the busy conglomerate of motifs used by Etruscan imitators.

11. Nos. 1, 2, 4, 3, 5 and 15-17.
12. Cf. for example, J. Boardman, Athenian Black Figure Vases (Oxford, 1974) figs. 201-204. Hydria type 1, cf. G.M.A. Richter and M. J. Milne, Shapes and Names of Athenian Vases (New York, 1939) figs. 78-79; oinochoe, cf. ibid., fig. 124, ours has lip knobs: and olpe, cf. fig. 115 also lacks lip knobs.
13. Nos. 11, 16, 17, 15; see discussion of Munich 883 below.
14. Nos. 1, 3. This element also appears on Washington, D.C., U.S. National Mus. of Natural History cat. no. 136415, Group of Vatican 265, article forthcoming by this author.
A panel composition including two figures appears on most examples of the Munich 892 Group. On Florence 70997, however, the narrative encircles the vessel; and Munich 892, 899, and the Richmond vase display three figures. The themes are primarily genre and include youths, athletes, a chariot race or combat scenes, women, and a symposium. In addition, there are two vases that illustrate mythological scenes of satyrs, maenads, centaurs, Dionysos, and Herakles. The figures are rendered in silhouette and characterized by exaggerated elongation; drawing is crude, and interior details are either simplified or completely lacking. The facial profile is facile, the forelocks project, and a knot of hair is at the nape of the neck. White paint or incision is used for the eyes, muscles, and mantle borders, which form a cascade of zigzag folds descending along the interior edge. Arms are straight, and the thumb is drawn separately as on the left male figure of A and right female figure on B of the Getty vessel or rolled into a small ball as on the Richmond vase.

Prototype for the zigzag drapery pattern can be found on late sixth-century Attic vases by Phintias, Oltos, Psiax, and the Painter of Hermaios to name a few examples. The volume and modeling in the Attic works is, however, reduced to flat, linear surface patterns in Etruscan imitations.

II. THE GROUP OF MUNICH 883

Closely allied with the Group of Munich 892, the Group of Munich 883 can be expanded as follows:

**Neck Amphorae**

1. Munich, Staatliche Antiken Sammlungen und Glyptothek 883, from Vulci, Neck: upright palmette flanked by stem and flower, A-B, horse and rider, SH pl. 37, 118, fig. 132; EVP, 21 (attributed to Group of Munich 883).
2. Copenhagen, Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, H 149, no prov. Neck: same as preceding vase, A-B, two athletes; F. Poulsen, Bildertafeln des etruskischen Museums der Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek (Copenhagen, 1928) p. 50; 21 (Group of Munich 883).


**Stamnoi**


**Oinochoe**


**Neck Amphorae**

12. Florence, Mus. Arch., Vagnonville coll. no. 20, no prov. Neck: same as previous, A, figure with four wings, B, centaur; Magi, StEtr 17 (1943) pl. 43, 1-2; EVP 296 (close to Vatican 265).
13. Florence, Mus. Arch., Vagnonville coll. no. 19, from Chiusi. Neck: same as previous, A, centaur, B, ephedus; Minto, pl. 13b; Magi, StEtr 17 (1943) pl. 43, 1-2; EVP 296 (close to Vatican 265).

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15. Nos. 3, 2.
17. Nos. 1, 3, 5, 4.
18. No. 2.
19. Florence Mus. Tav. 80677; A. Magi, StEtr 15 (1941) 317, figs. 1a, b, pl. 36, 1-2.
20. Particularly in the works of Phintias and Oltos, ARV² 110. 3.
21. Satyrs, nos. 1, 5, 9, 13, 17; maenads, nos. 5, 17; centaur, no. 8; Dionysos, no. 5; Herakles, no. 5.
22. No. 5.
23. Supra n. 20.
24. EVP 21; Beazley first proposed our nos. 1-4; we have placed Munich 887, which he considered not far from 883, in our group of Munich 892; the Brussels R270 is our no. 27; the Florence Vagnonville vases which he considered near the Vatican 265 are our nos. 11-13.
Figure 4. Etruscan black figure stamnos, Group of Munich 883. Philadelphia, The University Museum L-29-56, A.

Figure 5. Side B of Philadelphia University Museum L-29-56.

Figure 6. Profile of Philadelphia, University Museum L-29-56.


Closely Related

19. Florence, Mus. Arch. 4177, no prov. Neck: two elongated, reversed palmettes with dots separating them, A, ephes (drawn by a master but filled in by an apprentice), B, ephes, in long mantles; Magi, StEtr 15 (1941) 319, pl. 38 1-2, fig. 5 (close proximity to Vatican 265 and same motifs as Minto, pl. 31 a,b).


22. Ann Arbor, Univ. of Michigan 2600, prov. unknown. Neck: two upright palmettes, similar to 883, but sloppier, Herakles (?) fighting two centaurs (the picture continues around the vase); unpublished.
23. Orvieto, Cannicella necropolis, from Orvieto. Neck: three elongated, reversed palmettes, A, two satyrs dancing over a large pithos, B, two maenads (?) dancing; A. Minto, 367-8, pl. 31 a,b (attributed to Vulci; B, compared with olpe from Populonia, Minto, NSc (1925) 352, fig. 7).

Stamnoid Amphora


Amphorae


26. Viterbo, Mus. Civ. inv. 337/212, from Viterbo. Neck: same as previous, A, two satyrs, birds fly above, B, two satyrs dancing, pithos between; Scriattoli, op. cit., 380f., figs. 574, 575; Gargana, op. cit., 4, n. 2, fig. 3; Giglioli, L’arte etrusca (Milan, 1935) pl. 131.5; Dohrn II, 290 (misattributed to Lotus Bud Group); EVP 18 (questioned Dohrn’s attribution); Rossi Danielli, op. cit. 38, fig. 9 and p. 45, fig. 19; Emiliozzi, 155-6, pls. 101-2, no. 200 (near Group of Munich 883, first quarter of fifth century B.C.).


28. Volterra, Guarnacci Mus., no no., said to be from Chiusi. Neck: three upright palmettes above spiral tendrils, A, two maenads (?) dancing, B, two youths; unpublished (?).
Figure 9. Etruscan black figure amphora, Group of Munich 883. Philadelphia, The University Museum MS 1125. Side A.

Figure 10. Side B of Philadelphia, University Museum MS1125. Detail.

Figure 11. Profile of Philadelphia, University Museum MS 1125.

29. Volterra, Guarnacci Mus., no no., said to be from Chiusi. Neck; upright palmettes between two half palmettes, A, satyr, maenad dancing, B, two deer; unpublished (?).

Although the relationships within the larger workshop setting cannot be precisely defined, close analysis of the details of decoration, figurative treatment, and form can produce evidence of the way in which they may have operated. In the Munich 892 Group, two and perhaps three potters were at work. Distinctions can also be discovered between decorators and figure painters. In both the Groups of Munich 892 and 883, two-figure compositions were favored and decorated each side of the vessel, separated by handle florals in close imitation of Attic amphorae of the end of the sixth to early fifth centuries B.C.

25. Satyrs, nos. 3, 8, 11, 16, 18 and 23-27; maenads, nos. 8, 11, 16, 18, 23 (?), 27, 28 (?); centaurs, nos. 12, 13, 25; four-winged figure, no. 13; bulls, no. 4; deer, no. 29.
Moreover, both groups preferred genre scenes illustrating athletes, ephebes, and quasi-mythological subjects, i.e. satyrs, maenads, or centaurs with no specific mythological context. In the Group of Munich 883 there are only two mythological scenes, possibly Athena, and Herakles against the centaurs.

Of twenty-nine vases that can be attributed to the Munich 883 Group, there were probably two or three potters, possibly three decorators who painted neck and handle florals, and five or more figure painters. The first decorator, who may be called A, appears to have completed the subsidiary motifs on ten of the vases (nos. 1-8, 21 and 27). He preferred a neck decoration that consisted of a single upright palmette emerging from its juncture with the shoulder and flanked by upright stems with a floral sprouting from its top. (The shoulder devices common to the entire group are alternating thick and thin vertical strokes.) His handle florals closely resemble those published by Magi with four palmettes attached to four

26. Athena, no. 20; Herakles, no. 22.
27. Magi, StEr 15 (1941) fig. 3.
Figure 15. Etruscan black figure stamnoid amphora. Washington D.C., The National Museum of National History 136414. Side A.
double spiral tendrils at the outer corners. At the center, beneath the handle and just outside the opposing sets of spirals, there are a number of variations; they may be circles, ivy leaves (no. 1), or petal and lotus buds (no. 2).

Artisan B, on the other hand, decorated nos. 10-18, which were executed by a single figure painter, and no. 19, by another. His motifs include two reversed and very elongated palmettes, drawn more loosely than those made by decorator A; the palmettes emerge from spiral tendrils that are connected to vertical lines that enframe the palmettes. Further, decorator B adds a small curl at the inceptions of his palmettes, emerging from the tendril. His handle florals are the same on examples we have examined, nos. 14, and 16-19. Decorator C painted nos. 23-29 of which 23-26 were painted by one figure painter and nos. 27-29 by another. His neck motifs are three upright palmettes attached to spiral tendrils and handle florals which differ little from those of decorator B.

Finally, at least five figure painters worked together in

28. It is the same as Magi’s fig. 5, *ibid*.
the workshop. The first figure painter, painter 1, completed the first eight vases, except side B of no. 8. His figures are characterized by long narrow waists, protruding buttocks, short arms, and fingers that often spread. The poses are static and gestures often exaggerated, with arms held away from the body. Painter 2 is somewhat more adept with his figures (nos. 9–18); they are less awkward, better proportioned, and move more naturalistically. They tend to move with a more lively and dance-like rhythm, abandoning the stasis of the first artist. Painter 3 was the least successful of the group. We can identify at least four vases by him, nos. 19–24. He closely imitates the poses of painter 2; but in so doing, the figures are portrayed as more frantic than the lively figures of painter 2, as illustrated in the Vatican neck amphora no. 21. His figures bear a close relationship to those on the Vatican vase in the Munich 892 Group (no. 7), which suggests that he may be the same painter. Painter 4 illustrated only four vases in the group, nos. 23–26; his figures are plump and lively, and the facial profiles have a distinct bulb at the end of the nose. Painter 5 is a close imitator of 4, favoring the same subjects, i.e. satyrs and maenads dancing; but he paints all his figures on their toes: some do not touch the ground at all. A peculiar spiral terminates the corners of the hems of garments worn by his female figures.

Although Vulci manufacture for the group cannot be certain, there are strong reasons to favor this center. Vulci was first suggested by Minto in opposition to Dohrn's suggestion of Caeretan production. Both Dohrn and Beazley agreed on the group's dependence on the Micali workshop, which is now accepted as located at Vulci. In 1968 Amorelli published sporadic finds from the territory of Vulci that aided in this reaffirmation, not only for the Micali painter but also for the Munich 891 and 883 Groups.

Of the seventeen vases that are attributed here to the Group of Munich 892, only two come from Vulci, while one issues from Pescia, one from Viterbo, one from Bizensio, and one from Orvieto; the others have no secure provenance. Among those that I have attributed to the Group of Munich 883, only one was found at Vulci (no. 1), while nine were found at Orvieto (including the two fragmentary vases mentioned by Minto); eight were found in Chiusi, two in Viterbo, and one in Pienza. While the broad distribution among these cities provides no support for manufacture at Vulci, it does substantiate the arguments for the widespread popularity of imitations of Attic vases among Etruscan cities and also calls attention to the shifting pattern of inland trade in the first quarter of the fifth century B.C. The manufacturing center may have been Vulci, but the market for its products was the Etruscan interior, particularly the regions of Orvieto and Chiusi, where many of the examples were found.

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30. A. Minto, 36.
32. EVP 16, 17.
34. Ibid.; Amorelli mentioned three vases; two are only fragments, published by Minto, 367, close to his no. 64425 that Amorelli attributed to Munich 891. The latter belongs in the same circle as Groups Munich 892 and 883. Our decorator A, may have executed the neck and handle floral of Vulci no. 64425.
An Etruscan Vase with Siren

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An oinochoe in the J. Paul Getty Museum collection (No. 1, figs. 1 and 2) bears an extremely rare, if not unique, representation for Etruscan red figure vase painting dating to the last quarter of the fourth century B.C.; namely, a siren. In addition, the siren is shown with outstretched wings rather than with folded wings in the manner more usual for Greek, South Italian, or Etruscan red figure. The oinochoe is of the popular and characteristic Etruscan Shape VII and, at first glance, may seem to belong to the Dotted-hem Group of Caeretan red figure because of the series of dots which appear at the hem of the garment worn by the maenad depicted on the neck of the vase. Close examination with comparative material, however, has disclosed that the Getty oinochoe is more properly assigned to Faliscan rather than to Caeretan red figure.

1. Oinochoe, Shape VII (figs. 1 and 2)
   Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum
   Inv. number 78.AE.273
   Height 31.8 cm.
   Neck: Maenad striding to left with broad sash or fillet in her right hand.
   Body: Siren with outstretched wings facing to the left and holding a tympanum between extended hands. In the field: a floral/vegetal form (based on the acanthus flower?) at the left; a phiale at the right.

The presence of a running-wave pattern at the shoulder and near the upper rim of the Getty vase is unknown to me for Caeretan examples of oinochoai Shape VII, on which a tongue, modified egg-and-dart, dot, or dash motif is generally found. Although Faliscan counterparts may receive the same last-mentioned motifs, the running wave is often encountered, as for example on an oinochoe in Athens (No. 2, fig. 3). Here too may be seen the use of added white paint for the flesh of women—a practice shared with Campanian red figure and thereby indicative of the strong influence from that fabric of South Italian vase painting on contemporary Etruscan pottery workshops. Granted that the female figures painted on the Athens oinochoe exhibit taller and more elegant proportions that do the maenad and siren on the Getty vase, the rendering of the breasts and other anatomical details is remarkably similar between the siren and the female on the neck of the Athens vase.

2. Oinochoe, Shape VII (fig. 3)
   Athens, National Museum
   Inv. number 13521
   Formerly Florence, Museo Archeologico (acquired by trade).
   Neck: Nude female seated to left on bundled drapery.
   Body: Nude female seated to left on bundled drapery. A mirror is upheld in the right hand as she arranges her hair with the left. On the ground at the right is a basket with one or more mirrors and/or other toilet utensils.

Further evidence for the attribution to Faliscan red figure, and at the same time serving as an excellent link for the style of drawing on the Getty and the Athens oinochoai, is a skyphos in Hamburg (No. 3, figs. 4 and 5) on which the contrasting female figures on sides A and B help to explain the discrepancy noted between the female figures on the two oinochoai.

3. Skyphos (figs. 4 and 5)
   Hamburg, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe
   Inv. number 1220 (J 189)
   Height 24 cm.
   Side A: Nike striding to left with long fillet in left hand and a tympanum balanced at the lower portion of the mouth and at the shoulder. When present, two cylindrical "knobs" located one to each side of the mouth near the handle reveal its metallic prototype. See M. Del Chiaro, Etruscan Red-Figure Vase Painting at Caere (Berkeley, 1974)—hereafter ERVC; see also, idem, "Etruscan Oinochoai of the Torcop Group," Studi Etruschi 28 (1960), pp. 137–164.

1. I wish to thank Dr. Jiří Frel, curator of classical antiquities, for permission to study and publish the oinochoe in this volume of the museum journal.
2. The Etruscan oinochoe Shape VII is more commonly known as a "beaked jug" or, in the usual Italian terminology, as an "oinochoe con bocca a carciocco." It is characterised by a bulbous body and a long cylindrical neck that terminates in a large open mouth with an extended vertical snout. A broad vertical handle joins the neck to the body of the vase white paint for the flesh of women—a practice shared with Campanian red figure and thereby indicative of the strong influence from that fabric of South Italian vase painting on contemporary Etruscan pottery workshops. Granted that the female figures painted on the Athens oinochoe exhibit taller and more elegant proportions that do the maenad and siren on the Getty vase, the rendering of the breasts and other anatomical details is remarkably similar between the siren and the female on the neck of the Athens vase.

Figure 1. Oinochoe, Shape VII. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum 78.AE.273.
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Figure 2. Profile of figure 1.

Figure 3. Oinochoe, Shape VII. Athens, National Museum 13521.

with the extended right hand. Phiale in the field at lower left, hanging sash or fillet at top right.

Side B: Nude female seated to the right on bundled drapery. With her extended left hand she supports a tympanum as if used as a mirror. Phialae in the field at top left and middle right.


The rendering of the women on the Hamburg skyphos conveniently testifies to the validity of considering the Hamburg, Athens, and Getty vases as products of the same workshop—if not of a single hand. It suffices to point to the seated nude on the Hamburg skyphos (fig. 5) and her counterparts on the Athens oinochoe (fig. 3). Despite the squatter proportions of the Nike on the Hamburg vase (fig. 4) and the seemingly contradictory slenderness of these last three figures, the Nike brings us into close stylistic proximity with the maenad on the Getty oinochoe (fig. 1). Differences in the drapery—more detailed and precise for the Hamburg Nike—I believe may be simply explained by the more cursory brushwork on the basically similar peplos with its trailing apotyagma (overfold at the waist) clearly visible at her left side.

An extremely fragmentary skyphos discovered at San Giuliano (Barbarano Romano near Blera) should be mentioned here, since it is unquestionably decorated by the same artist responsible for the Hamburg skyphos. On its only preserved side, a maenad strides vigorously to the left with a thyrsos cradled in her left arm and a tympanum
supported by her right hand. The skyphos has been rightfully assigned by Paola Villa D'Amelio to the "Fluid Group" of Faliscan red figure—vases of which are particularly well represented at San Giuliano. Nonetheless, supporting evidence to "bridge the gap" is convincingly offered by the decoration on the Athens oinochoe and Hamburg skyphos. Consequently, the Getty oinochoe gains added significance for a broader appreciation of this Faliscan artist who now offers a new theme—a siren—for Faliscan red figure produced in or about Falerii Veteres (present-day Civita Castellana) during the last quarter of the fourth century B.C.

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5. Notizie degli Scavi (1963), p. 57, fig. 62 (Tomb XI, inv. no. 98).
6. Beazley, EVP, Chapter VIII.

A Krater by Asteas

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A Paestan calyx krater1 depicting the myth of Zeus' love for Europa is of particular interest because it bears also the name of the painter, bringing up to ten the number of signed pieces by the vase painter Asteas.2 Using his customary double sigma at the beginning of the name and the imperfect of γραφε,3 Asteas has inscribed ΑΣΤΕΑΣ ΕΓΡΑΦΕ on the lower part of the body of the krater, termed by Trendall Asteas' "major extant signed piece."4

In a quite unique pentagonal panel on the obverse, Europa, identified by the inscription ΕΥΡΩΠΗ, is seated on the back of the bull (figs. 1 and 3). Together they fly to the left across the sea, which is suggested by the figures of Skylla, Triton, and various fish below.5 This allusion to the sea is not unlike that found on another calyx krater in Naples featuring the myth of Phrixos and Helle.6 Europa's chiton is heavily decorated with stars, palmettes, and both meander and checkerboard patterns. The belt is emphasized by dots in added yellowish-white, which is used also for her earring, necklace, bracelets on both arms, additional details on her garment and, although now mostly gone, on her sandals.

The bull is in added white, some of which has flaked off; yellowish-brown dilute glaze is used for bodily details. On the left is Skylla (ΣΚΥΛΑ) holding in her right hand a trident whose handle and three prongs are in added white. Below her waist and apparently "emerging" from the fish-like portion of her body are two dogs in added white with dilute glaze for details. The scales on this part of Skylla's figure are indicated by black circles filled with white; Skylla's necklace and other areas of her fish-like body are indicated by added white. On the right, Triton (ΠΤΙΘΟΝ) holds an oar. The scales on his body also are shown by small black circles, but apparently these were never filled with white although, as with Skylla, white and red were added for other areas of the body. A small white octopus, with its "pop-eyes" indicated by dilute glaze, is held in Triton's right hand while entwining its tentacles around his wrist. Sixteen various marine creatures in added white or dilute glaze are dispersed through the lower field.

The Naples krater with Phrixos and Helle, because of its allusion to the sea, is especially appropriate for the comparison of certain details. Both vases share the filling with added white of the circles on Skylla's tail while not on Triton's. The billowing of Europa's mantle seems a case of déjà vu, for Helle's mantle has, even if not identical, certainly very similar curves and folds. Her hair style, with its relatively smooth crown and cascade of waves and curls beginning at a point almost directly behind the corner of her eye, also occurs on Helle. One can even note that Europa's sandals with their criss-cross lines representing straps are close to those worn by Helle's brother, Phrixos, by Megara on yet another calyx krater by Asteas in Madrid showing the madness of Herakles,7 and by Kadmos on a bell krater also in Naples.8

Hovering directly above Europa is Pothos (ΠΟΘΟΣ), a nude figure whose wings were originally in dilute glaze and added white which have now mostly disappeared. A brown chlamys stretches from around his thigh just below the buttock to his left forearm. Decorative details are in added white, which is also used for a bracelet on his left ankle and a wreath. In his right hand is an object that is unidentifiable because most of the paint has flaked off; in his left is another object, perhaps a phiale, in dilute glaze and added white. In view of Zeus' lust for Europa, Pothos, personifying passion, is a far more appropriate figure than Eros would have been in the immediate context of this composition. The allegorical figure of Pothos is not the most familiar figure in the repertoire of Greek art, but at

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1. 81.AE.78. Total height: 71 cm. Diameter: 60 cm. Height of foot: 21 cm.
2. I am most grateful to A. D. Trendall for this information as well as many other generous and helpful comments and observations offered during his visit to the Getty in May 1982, and for his subsequent suggestions and corrections to my text.
4. Trendall, verbally.
6. PP, p. 34 ff., pl. VIIb. For sake of simplicity, this particular krater will be termed the Naples krater.
7. PP, p. 31 ff., pl. VII. Also discussed and illustrated in color in Guías del Museo Arqueológico Nacional, Cerámica Griega (Madrid, 1978) pp. 86-88, pl. 42. Further references to this vase will be under the term the Madrid krater.
Figure 1. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum, 81.AE.78. Obverse
Figure 2. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum, 81.AE.78. Reverse.
Figure 3. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum, 81.AE.78. Obverse (detail).
Figure 4. Malibu, The J. Paul Getty Museum, 81.AE.78. Reverse (detail).
about the same time as this krater was painted by Asteas, a statue of Pothos was created, the original of which has been accepted as a work of Skopas.

Between the lower frame of the scene and another reserved line is a band of alternating reserved and black blocks, forming a metope pattern, a device which occurs below a theatrical scene on another calyx krater, signed by Asteas. Its use there and on the Getty krater raises the possibility that the pattern was inspired by or meant to suggest the floorboards of a stage. Whether so or not, it seems to have been readily adopted as a decorative pattern, since it appears also in Paestan non-theatrical contexts: as a border below a sphinx on the neck of an amphora signed by Asteas, on a krater attributed to his successor Python, and on a fishplate from their workshop.

The handle zone, defined by this metope device and an egg pattern band, retains only a partially preserved pattern of palmettes. Simpler versions of this border appear on the Naples and Madrid kraters as well as on a calyx krater in Berlin. It is tempting to imagine that as Asteas became more adroit in painting this motif he made it more complex, and coupled it with the metope pattern for an even more elaborate effect. Whereas on the Naples and Berlin kraters, he had signed in the band beneath the scenes, on the Getty vase, because the band is mostly taken up with the metope pattern, it is in the palmette pattern below that Asteas has incised his signature.

On the upper left of the body of the Getty krater, in a triangular frame, are three figures identified by inscriptions: ΖΕΥΣ, ΚΡΗΝΗ (above the frame), and ΕΡΜΗΣ. Furthest left is Zeus, half-draped in a garment patterned with circles and a checkerboard edge. He holds a sceptre in added white topped by a palmette. Krete, representing the island to which Europa is being carried, wears an added red kekryphalos covering much of her hair and a chiton decorated in a manner similar to that of Zeus but having in addition palmettes along the sleeves. Added white is used for her diadem, earring, necklace, bracelets, and belt. Most familiarly recognized as messenger for the gods in general and Zeus in particular, Hermes also has an association with fertility and, at times, a connection with Aphrodite.

While the subject of the obverse reinforces the notion that Asteas had a special liking for mythic scenes, not only an overall connection with comic theatre in many instances of Paestan vase painting but also the use of onlookers in the upper frames on the Getty vase and the possible indication of a stage suggest that Asteas may also have been inspired by some theatrical presentation, whether comic or tragic, of the story of Europa.

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10. On the art market; unpublished.
11. PP, pl. XVlc.
12. VMFA catalogue, no. 111.
15. For Trendall’s comments on Asteas’ liking for balanced scenes, see PP, p. 35 ff.
16. For the term, see PP, p. 8.
17. For comparisons, one may note the following signed pieces in PP: Naples 3226, pl. Va, the bell krater showing Kadmos on the obverse, and fig. 5 for the much repainted obverse Dionysiac scene; Berlin F 3044, fig. 11, a calyx krater, for the reverse showing Dionysos and a siren. On unsigned pieces there are the following (all are bell kraters): B.M. F188, fig.
The almost symmetrical balance of the obverse is reiterated on the reverse.15 Here the main scene, enclosed in a panel with a reserved frame, consists of three figures (figs. 2 and 4). In the middle is Dionysos, nude except for a mantle over his outstretched left arm. It is on the mantle and the garments of the reverse’s other figures that we see one of Asteas’ favorite patterns, the embattled border.16 The border, Dionysos’ shoes, and other pattern details are in dilute glaze. A bandolier bejeweled with dots in added white extends around his chest and up over his right shoulder. Around his head is a band in dilute glaze, with ivy leaves in white. In his left hand Dionysos holds two eggs in added white; and in his right, a thyrsos also in added white with a fillet in added red. Anatomical details on this and the other figures are indicated in black and are consistent with those on males on Asteas’ other works.17 Dionysos is followed from the left by a maenad in a flowing chiton with borders, patterns, and folds of drapery in black glaze. Over the bodice she wears a panther skin in dilute glaze, with spots and belt in black. The closures on her dilute glaze shoes are indicated by added white, as are the wreath on her head and the bracelets on both arms. In her left hand is a torch; in her right, a wreath.

On the right a satyr looking back toward Dionysos wears a bandolier necklace, wreath, and shoes; their details are in added white, while the shoes and tail are in dilute glaze. In his left hand he holds an added-white phiale with eggs from which hangs a fillet in added red; in his right, a filleted thyrsos like that held by Dionysos.

An abbreviated panel above contains five half-figures; from left to right, two maenads, an old silen, another maenad, and a Pan. All three maenads are dressed in the same fashion as the full figure in the main panel; except that the chiton on the one furthest left is sleeveless. The first holds an unidentifiable object, possibly a bell, in each hand. In her left hand, the second carries a torch. The old silen, dotted with added white suggesting tufts of hair, wears a panther skin. His hair and beard are rendered in added white, as is the white of his eyeball. A fillet in added red encircles his head, and in his outstretched left hand he holds a wreath, also in red. The third maenad looks toward him, a thyrsos in her left hand and another object, perhaps a bell again, in her right. The final figure, the Pan, is speckled with dilute glaze dots. In his left hand are cymbals in added white, which also denotes the wreath around his head and the one in his right hand. Dilute glaze covers his very bushy tail and hip.

The band in the handle zone, defined simply by two reserved lines, carries an incised ivy pattern with the leaves and berries in added white. At its center is a flower in the form of a rosette. The top side of the krater’s rim is also encircled with an incised vine pattern embellished with leaves and flowers in added white, which has mostly disappeared. On the underside of the rim runs yet another incised ivy vine with dotted rosette-flowers in added white, the leaves reserved.

The ivy vine which seems to have become a favorite device of Asteas, though it occurs only on the obverses of the Napes, Madrid, and Berlin kraters, completely encircles the Getty vase not just once but three times—on both sides of the rim and, in a new location, the foot.

Even by itself, the foot is remarkable, an elaborate structure perhaps intended to appear as a separate stand for the vase.18 An overhanging lip marked by an elongated tongue pattern is at the join of foot and body. Below it, two terror-stricken horses are pursued by two griffins, all running hard on each other’s heels in alternating order to the left. The griffins recall those which appear in a more complex scene on the foot of an Apulian volute krater by the Lykurgos Painter.19 Finally, on the lowest section, we see again the incised ivy vine and the remnants of the added white rosette-flowers.

It seems that the date of this krater is surely well into Asteas’ career. Even a glance at the relative simplicity of composition and stiffness of the figures on his early pieces makes it apparent that the Getty vase has less in common with products from that period in the painter’s career than with his later pieces. Thus, for the purpose of noting similarities, only Asteas’ calyx kraters need be considered.

The Berlin krater’s obverse scene and the Dionysiac scene on the reverse reflect an effort by Asteas to show some forcefulness, motion, and fluidity. But the type of subject makes it difficult to compare the rendering of figures other than those on the reverse, which are lively and certainly make strides towards Asteas’ later preference for groups of three. In addition, there are no half-figures, Paestum, circa 330 B.C., of the Aphrodite Painter from Apulia and with whom an Apulianizing phase seems to have developed. Thus it could well be due to the Aphrodite Painter’s influence that this type of foot in imitation of a separate stand was made for the Getty krater.20

15. Giudice 193, fig. 17; Madrid 11019, fig. 18; B.M. F 152, fig. 20; B.M. F 153, fig. 21. Except for the krater showing Kadmos, there is less attention given to detail than on the kraters cited in the text of this article. This is especially true when it comes to drapery where only borders and fold lines are indicated, on shoes which mostly lack the added color to indicate closures, and on the fillets (excepting shoes and fillet on B.M. F 180) which are rather sketchy in appearance.
16. Trendall has suggested verbally that it may stem from the arrival in
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19. H. Sichterman, Griechische Vasen in Unter-Italien aus der Sammlung Jutta In Rave (Tubingen 1966) no. 72, p. 50, pl. 120. Another, but poorer, illustration appears in E. Greco, Il Pittore di Afrodite (Rome 1970) pl. XIVb.
whether “floating” in the scenes or enclosed in some framing device. Yet the obverse has the forerunner of the handle zone palmette patterns that appear on subsequent vases.

Likewise, the fragments of the Buccino krater in the Villa Giulia, showing a parody of the rape of Cassandra, do not help in determining the chronology of the Getty piece.20

Indeed, it is on the Madrid krater with the madness of Herakles that we see distinct affinities, especially in the facial contours, indicating some closeness in time with the Getty vase. Hairstyles and gender aside, most of the figures on both pieces have faces that are very much alike. Of course, by this time Asteas had developed a repertoire of stock figures that were, therefore, bound to have an almost familial resemblance. It is on the Madrid vase also that we see Asteas’ first use of half-figures on a calyx krater scene (one wonders, incidentally, if the columnar spacing under the phlyax scene on the Berlin vase inspired him to employ that sort of device again on the Madrid krater, although in a different part of the scene, and to fill it with figures instead of leaving it simply empty). The stance of the Madrid Herakles is mirrored by that of the Getty Dionysos, and while some of the decorative motifs on the drapery differ, on the Getty figures they are generally more elaborate and complex as is the palmette pattern in the handle zone. The handles are closer to the sides on both kraters than those on the Berlin piece.

On the Naples krater showing the myth of Phrixos and Helle, the handles appear even closer as well as longer; they almost hug the body. Here, the notable comparisons with the Getty krater have already been discussed, such as similarities between Helle and Europa, allusions to the sea, repetition of certain decorative patterns, and certain details on the figures. On the Naples piece there are no frames; even the half-figures on the much restored reverse simply float above the Dionysiac scene without any framing device.

The Getty krater appears to fall chronologically between the Madrid and Naples pieces. All three present mythological scenes on their obverses, Dionysiac scenes on their reverses, and are signed below the obverse scene. The palmette pattern band occurs on each of them in the handle zone of the obverse, while the ivy vine pattern is on both Naples and Madrid kraters at least around the outside of the mouth and encircles the entire Getty vase three times, as well as decorating the reverse’s handle zone. There is a three-quarter face view of Herakles on the Madrid vase and of Helle on the Naples krater but no comparable figure on the Getty vase. However, the bull on which Europa rides shows an admirably executed three-quarter head, certainly meeting the requirement if that is one of the criteria determining an early or late chronology.

It is possible to envision Asteas as having regarded his Madrid krater as such a major accomplishment that he decided to surpass, if he could, this pinnacle of achievement. The size alone of the Getty krater demanded an ambitious project, requiring all he could muster in imagination, design, and competence. With the space thus allowed him, he was able to paint half-figures who, being confined in frames, were able to observe the scene without intruding on it. On the reverse, the number of half-figures reaches five, more than on his other vases, and the additional figure is a new one, Pan. Here too, instead of “floating” in the scene they are framed, making the entire reverse less busy and crowded in its effect. The horses pursued by griffins on the foot are no mere decoration, but reveal by their expressions sheer terror and panic. This design, reminiscent of the Lykurgos Painter griffins, combines with the unusual foot, to point to a date after 330 B.C., for it is at that time that an Apulianizing phase began in Paestum.

How does one explain the repetition, if not of all characters, at least of ideas and some characters on the Naples krater? It may be that after his huge and successful krater with Europa on the bull, Asteas wanted to repeat the concept. Instead of Europa, he took Phrixos and Helle; instead of the bull, of course, the ram. In the meantime, the allusions to the sea could be used again with some addition and reworking—variations on theme, one might say. He even borrowed, with less success, the Dionysos on a panther from his Madrid krater reverse, almost crowding it in now, in mirror image on the obverse with Phrixos and Helle. As for the reverse, even if much damaged it appears to be not much more than a mechanical use of an almost standard scene. The figures have all been seen before, and even the stances are echoes of the past. It appears that Asteas peaked with the Getty krater, but by the time he did the Naples krater, he suffered from what we today call “burn-out,” simply lacking the energy and/or ability to repeat the chefs d’oeuvre that he had created on his previous pieces.

Postscript

Since this article was first written, the foot (figs. 5–8) of another krater apparently by Asteas has come onto the art market. It is slightly more than a centimeter taller than the
foot of the Getty vase, and its diameter is 31.8 cm. compared to 29.4 cm. for the Getty krater. Their shapes are almost identical, including the overhanging lip with its elongated tongue pattern. While the ivy vine pattern encircling the lowest part of the foot runs in the direction opposite to that on the Getty vase, the significant and most interesting difference is in the figured decoration. Instead of griffins and horses, we see not only Skylla and Triton together with some of the fish shown on both the Getty and Naples kraters, but also, used twice in alternation with Skylla and Triton, the sea monster from the Naples krater. The Skylla here possesses not the coiled body of the Getty Skylla but rather a profile similar to the Naples’ Skylla. Triton, although with shorter hair, shares characteristics of both his Getty and Naples counterparts. The figures on this foot are somewhat less elaborate than those on the bodies of the two kraters, but this must be due to the relatively minor position they occupied in the overall structure and to the restricted space which undoubtedly discouraged any extensive detail.—M. J-N.
Figure 7. Los Angeles art market. Photo: A. Daneman.

Figure 8. Los Angeles art market. Photo: A. Daneman.
Most ancient Greek potters worked on a potter's wheel which rotated in a counterclockwise direction as it was viewed from above. To appreciate this fact fully it is necessary to understand the relationship between the clay and the potter's hands. For clay to be controlled on a rotating wheel, it must feed into the potter's fingers from the heels of his hands. The fingers form the pot while the rest of the hand controls the pliable clay before it reaches the fingers. Clay cannot be controlled if it is fed into the hands fingers first (see illustration 1). A potter working on a counterclockwise moving wheel works on the right side of the developing vase, the left hand forming the inside and the right hand shaping the outside, as is the practice in most of the world today. The opposite would be true of a clockwise moving wheel, as in modern Japan where potters' wheels turn clockwise, and the potter works on the left side of the developing pot.

A spiral pattern is created in the clay as the vase is pulled upward by the potter's fingers. By observing the spiral created on the inside of a vase, one can determine the direction the wheel is rotating. Illustration 2 contrasts a counterclockwise with a clockwise spiral. The outsides of ancient Greek vases seldom show a spiral, as they were smoothed to facilitate decoration. Figure 1 shows the spiral in a stamnos interior; in figure 2 the same spiral has been lightly traced in pencil. It clearly indicates that this stamnos was created on a counterclockwise rotating wheel. Other counterclockwise spirals can be seen in figure 3 and on the underside of a stamnos lid in figure 4. For clarity it should be noted that modern lids are usually made upside down on the wheel and, from the evidence, ancient lids were too.

Unfortunately, the spiral phenomenon cannot be observed on most vases. Excess clay on the inside was often trimmed away by the potter, thereby obliterating it. This can be seen at the base of the interior of the vase in figure 3. Conservation practices in mending broken vases, especially in the recent past, often obscure the interior spiral. The spiral may also be encrusted, making it impossible to see the pattern with accuracy (fig. 5).

Besides the evidence of the vases themselves, wheel direction can be deduced by carefully observing illustrations on vases. A hydria in Munich shows an ancient pottery shop on its shoulder (fig. 6). The potter is on the left. He has finished forming the vase and is truing it up, refining it, and giving it the final touches. Because the potter's left shoulder is thrust forward to make his left arm almost vertical, we can assume he has his left forearm inside the nearly completed vase. His right hand is missing; presumably it was on the outside steadying that surface in a typical potter's maneuver. He is working on the side of the vase to his right, indicating the wheel was turning in a counterclockwise direction.

Further support for a counterclockwise direction of rotation of the wheel comes from the illustration of the potter's assistant on the same hydria (fig. 7). He sits opposite the potter on a low stool, both legs on the right side of the moving wheel. His right arm is extended with his palm and thumb turned downward on the upper surface of the wheel, an attitude suggestive of pushing. His left arm is partly flexed and the hand is partly under the wheel, suggestive of pulling. Taken together, these arm attitudes suggest a wheel being rotated in a counterclockwise direction by the potter's assistant.

Certain decorative patterns painted on the exterior can also provide evidence to determine wheel direction. A lid or vase to be decorated is centered on the wheel, which is slowly rotated as the artist paints a repetitive motif, such
Figure 1. Looking into the mouth of the vase. Note counterclockwise spirals on the interior of stamnos. Attic black figure stamnos by the Michigan Painter. Miniature Class A. Lugano, Private collection.

Figure 2. Same counterclockwise spirals lightly outlined in pencil. Attic black figure stamnos by the Michigan Painter. Miniature Class A. Lugano, Private collection.

Figure 3. Looking through the mouth of the vase. View shows counterclockwise spiral in a stamnos (bottom portion of vase has been trimmed smooth). Attic red figure stamnos. Lugano, Private collection.

Figure 4. Counterclockwise spiral on under side of a stamnos lid. Stamnos lid by the Achilles Painter. Lugano, Private collection.
Figure 5. Encrusted spirals, interior of stamnos. Handleless stamnos in Six's technique. Geneva, Private collection.

Figure 6. A potter's shop in antiquity on shoulder of a hydria, showing potter working on counterclockwise moving wheel. Hydria. Munich, Antikensammlungen (1717).
as rays, or lines radiating from a central point. Often one can observe off-centered rays, indicating the direction of the turning wheel. This is caused by the wheel being rotated faster than the artist can carefully work. Viewed at the lower part of the illustration, on a counterclockwise moving wheel the rays veer leftward as they go outward from the center; on a clockwise rotating wheel, the rays veer rightward (see illustration 3). An example of leftward veering rays can be seen immediately beneath the knob on the stamnos lid in figure 8 and on the shoulder of the small lekythos in figure 9. One can also find examples of clockwise spirals and of design motifs veering to the right.

As illustrated in figure 10, some interior glazes are applied sparsely enough to indicate wheel direction.

Since ancient Greek potter's wheels were not motorized, it may be assumed potters could direct assistants to turn the wheel in either direction. However, the majority of the evidence indicates counterclockwise turning wheels. This directional preference may have been due to an historical practice passed down from earlier times, the dominance of right-handedness in mankind, or a master potter throwing in a counterclockwise direction training apprentices in like manner. Whatever the reason, as in modern Greece and in most of the world today, most ancient potter's wheels turned in a counterclockwise direction.
Figure 8. Leftward veering rays on stamnos lid. Stamnos lid by the Achilles Painter. Lugano, Private collection.

Figure 9. Leftward veering rays on lekythos shoulder. Black figure lekythos. Toronto, Royal Ontario Museum (923.13.42.).

Figure 10. Thinly applied glaze to interior of stamnos. Attic red figure stamnos by the Aegisthus Painter. Lugano, Private collection.