

	<p>Object: Three Emperors (gemstone)</p> <p>Museum: Museum August Kestner Trammplatz 3 30159 Hannover (0511) 168-42730 museen- kulturgeschichte@hannover- stadt.de</p> <p>Collection: Ancient Cultures, Gemmen, Kameen und Glaspasten. Die Sammlung geschnittener Steine</p> <p>Inventory number: K 773</p>
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## Description

The year 238 AD is known as the Six Emperors' Year. Because of the civil war-like events, it marks one of the most difficult phases in the history of the Roman imperial period and points to the end of the principate founded by Emperor Augustus.

In 238, six emperors were responsible for the fate of Rome, partly in tandem and partly in succession. All six men were recognised by the Senate: Maximinus Thrax, Gordian I, Gordian II, Pupienus, Balbinus and Gordian III.

This post-antique gem shows the busts of the emperors Balbinus and Pupienus, facing each other, both wearing laurel wreaths and mantles. In the background, next to Balbinus, the young Gordianus III.

Former collection August Kestner, Rome

## Basic data

Material/Technique: Glass paste; brass (socket) / cut  
Measurements: Height: 2 cm, width: 2.75 cm

## Events

Created	When	Nachantik (600-heute)
	Who	
	Where	

Collected      When  
Who      August Kestner (1777-1853)  
Where      Rome

[Relation to  
person or  
institution]      When

Who      Balbinus (178-238)  
Where

[Relation to  
person or  
institution]      When

Who      Pupienus (167-238)  
Where

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person or  
institution]      When

Who      Gordian III (225-244)  
Where

## Keywords

- Engraved gem