

	Object:	Psyche with the Cupid (Gem)
	Museum:	Museum August Kestner Trammplatz 3 30159 Hannover (0511) 168-42730 museen- kulturgeschichte@hannover- stadt.de
	Collection:	Ancient Cultures, Gemmen, Kameen und Glaspasten. Die Sammlung geschnittener Steine
	Inventory number:	K 413a

## Description

Psyche with the sleeping Cupid on her lap. Psyche, as a young woman with butterfly wings, sits in three-quarter view on a rock on which she rests her withdrawn hand. She is naked except for a thin robe that falls over her shoulders in the back, is spread over her seat and wrapped around her lower legs. At the top she has pulled the robe forward with her raised hand so that it billows behind her head and at the same time provides protection for the sleeping child. Her hair is combed back at the sides and tied in a knot at the back. The boy lying sprawled in her lap in three-quarter view has one arm raised, his wings sticking out behind his shoulders. In front of the group a tree from which a bow and quiver hang. - Line Margin

The composition of the depiction is reminiscent of the Phidiasian Aphrodite-Eros group from the east frieze of the Parthenon. It thus has its model in the 5th century BC.

Former collection August Kestner, Rome

## Basic data

Material/Technique:

Carnelian / carves

Measurements:

Height: 1.96 cm, width: 2.13 cm

## Events

Created

When

20 v. Chr.-20 n. Chr.

Who

Collected	Where	Rome
	When	
	Who	August Kestner (1777-1853)
[Relationship to location]	Where	Rome
	When	
	Who	
[Relation to person or institution]	Where	Parthenon
	When	
	Who	
[Relation to person or institution]	Who	Psyche
	Where	
	When	
[Relation to person or institution]	Who	Cupido
	Where	
	When	
	Who	Phidias (-0500--0420)
	Where	

## Keywords

- Engraved gem

## Literature

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