

	<p>Object: Kanne mit Deckel, sog. Platschkanne</p> <p>Museum: Museum August Kestner Trammplatz 3 30159 Hannover (0511) 168-42730 museen- kulturgeschichte@hannover- stadt.de</p> <p>Collection: Ancient Cultures, Vessel ceramics and vase painting</p> <p>Inventory number: 1988.108</p>
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Description

In July 1986, Prof Dr Hannfrit Putzer, honorary professor of geology at the University of Hanover, offered this early Corinthian jug from the 6th century BC to the director of the Kestner Museum. He explained that he had „recovered“ it during an excavation by German pioneers for a naval gun in 1943 at the southern end of the Corinth Canal on the steep coast to the Saronic Gulf.

What he concealed, however, was his own role as a military geologist, war administrator and SS-Obersturmführer in the army high command of the German occupying forces in Greece. Between 15 May and 30 November 1943, he carried out geological surveys and borehole on the Peloponnese, in Attica and on the islands of Aegina, Kythera, Zakynthos and Cephalonia. In this respect, the question arises as to whether he found the can during his own drilling. In any case, he travelled to Aegina from 20 to 30 November 1943 and had the jug dated and examined there by the German archaeologist Gabriel Welter. He took the jug with him to Germany during the furlough that immediately followed.

This confiscation of Greek cultural artefacts was a violation of the Hague Regulations. Based on the results of this research, the Hanover City Council therefore decided to restitute the ancient jug to its rightful owner, the Hellenic Republic. After 81 years of unlawful appropriation, the ceremonial restitution took place st the museum on 8 April 2024 in the presence of the Greek Consul General. (J. Schwartz)

Detailed description

Sehr niedriger Fuß. Auf dem Gefäßboden umlaufende Rille. Am Halsansatz umlaufender Grat. Schlanker Hals mit ausladender Kleeblattmündung. Deckel mit zylindrischem Knauf. Auf der Schulter Zone mit eingeritzten, hängenden Blattzungen, von unterrem Henkelansatz unterbrochen. - Frühkorinthisch.

Basic data

Material/Technique:

Clay

Measurements:

Height 11.6 cm, Diameter: 11.6 cm

Events

Created	When	620-600 BC
	Who	
	Where	Corinth

Keywords

- Gefäßkeramik (Keramik)
- Haager Landkriegsordnung
- Kanne (Gefäßform)
- Restitution