

Basic Detail Report



Fragment of a Volute-Krater with Hoplite and Horseman

Date

c. 530-510 BCE

Primary Maker

Unidentified artist

Medium

black-figured terracotta

Description

A leftward-running maeander on the side of the rim between two washy lines. On neck, single black lines set off a frieze with a Greek hoplite and horseman to right. At the far left, part of an eye. The hoplite holds a Boeotian shield by the strap in his left hand and shaft of a long spear diagonally in his right. He wears a crested Corinthian helmet, cuirass, and incised greaves. The drapery of his chiton has wavy, uneven lines, ending in a zig-zag fold above the knee. To left of the warrior is part of an apotropaic eye, designed to ward off evil. The horseman at right wears a short, foldless chiton. He holds a spear nearly horizontally in his left hand and the reins in his right. He has a small head with a large nose, and his body is smaller than that of the warrior. The horse has a small head and a large body. Details of its hair, eyes, and legs are incised. Incisions outlining the figures are occasionally too wide and not filled in with black.

Dimensions

3 11/16 x 3 3/4 in. (9.4 x 9.5 cm)