



## Pantheistic statuette

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On display

**Title/Description:** Pantheistic statuette

**Born:** 0050 c. BC - 0100 c.

**Object Type:** Figure

**Materials:** Faience

**Measurements:** h. 80 x w. 30 x d. 41 mm

**Accession Number:** 545

**Historic Period:** 1st century AD, 1st century, Ptolemaic (late)

**Production Place:** Africa, Egypt

**Credit Line:** Purchased with support from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1974

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Pantheistic figures embody in themselves the beneficial attributes of the deities of which they are composed. This statuette in hard pale blue faience is a conflation of a baboon-headed Pataikos and a falcon. The lower forepart of the figure has the dwarf legs and genitalia of Pataikos, holding his clenched fists upon his hips. The upper part is in the form of a baboon, sacred to Thoth, god of wisdom and learning, with prominent striated cheek hair, a tripartite wig with lappets, a broad collar around his neck and an *atef*-crown upon his head. The back of the figure slopes outwards to the rear of the trapezoidal base in the form of the folded wings of a falcon, associated with the god Horus. Below the wig at the back is the stump of a perforated lug. The top of the crown with its left horn is missing.

Entry taken from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection 3 volume catalogue, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997).

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## Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Peter Sharrer in 1974 out of funds provided by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury.

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