

Basic Detail Report



Statue

Date
600-260 BC

Primary Maker
Bacchus

Medium
Terracotta

Description

The statue depicts the young Dionysus, the Greek (Roman: Bacchus) god of wine and intoxication, riding a pig. Dionysus' festival, The Dyonisia, was celebrated in March. In Rome he was known as Bacchus. The Bacchanalia, orgies in honor of Dionysus, were introduced in Rome around 200 BCE. These infamous celebrations, notorious for their sexual and criminal character, got so out of hand that they were forbidden by the Roman Senate in 186 BCE. Bacchus is also identified with the old-Italian god Liber. It is not clear whether this piece comes from either Ancient Greece or Ancient Rome or Empire.