



Comic actor on a donkey

Date

date unknown

Primary Maker

Unknown artist, Roman (Ancient)

Medium

Terracotta with remnants of pigment

Description

Clay buff; red paint in donkey's mouth. Front molded; back left plain with large rectangular vent hole. Paunch-bellied, phallic dwarf with mantle over right shoulder. Astride donkey with right hand on flank, left on head of donkey; donkey's head raised to bray. Rider wears comic mask and skull cap. Group represented in relief on front of figure so that all four of the donkey's legs appear.

Dimensions

Overall: 4 1/8 x 2 7/8 x 1 3/4 in. (10.5 x 7.3 x 4.4 cm)