

## *The Collection of Sculpture*

The most important items of the collection are:



**The Sounion kouros.** Colossal votive statue of a kouros (h.3.05 m.), found in the sanctuary of Poseidon at Sounion. Dated to ca. 600 B.C. Inv. no. 2720.

**Aristodikos.** Funerary kouros (h.1.98 m.) representing the deceased whose name, as recorded by the inscription on the base, was Aristodikos. The statue was found in the area of Mesogeia, in Attica and is dated to ca. 500 B.C. Inv. no. 3938.



**Relief of the hoplitodromos.** Marble plaque bearing the representation of a running hoplite. It was found in Athens and probably formed part of a funerary monument. Dated to ca. 500 B.C. Inv. no. 1959. H. 1 m., W. 0.75 m.

**The relief from Eleusis.** Large votive relief (h. 2.20 m.) with the representation of the Eleusinian deities. Persephone is depicted to the right, holding a torch and Demeter, on the left, offering the ears of corn to young Triptolemos, in order for him to teach to the world the cultivation of cereals. The relief was found at Eleusis and is dated to ca. 440-430 B.C. Inv. no. 126.



**Grave stele of Hegeso.** The relief stele (h. 1.58 m., w. 1 m.) represents the deceased Hegeso, daughter of Proxenos, seated on a chair and, in front of her, a maiden servant. It was found in the cemetery of Kerameikos, in Athens. Dated to the end of the 5th century B.C. Inv. no. 3624.

**The "Diadoumenos".** The statue (h. 1.95 m.) depicts a young athlete, fixing the fillet around his head. It is a Roman copy of the famous bronze original made by the Argive



sculptor Polykleitos in ca. 430 B.C. It was found on Delos and dates to the early 1st century B.C. Inv. no. 1826.



**Statue of Nereid or Avra.** The figure is represented riding on a horse and it was an acroterion of the temple of Asklepios at Epidauros. It was found at Epidauros and it is dated to ca. 380 B.C. H. 0.78 m. Inv. no. 157.

**The grave shrine of Aristonantes.** Temple-shaped funerary monument, crowned by a pediment (h. 2.85 m.). In front of the plaque, the figure of the deceased hoplite is represented in high relief. It was found at the cemetery of Kerameikos, in Athens. Dated to ca. 310 B.C. Inv.no. 738.



**Group of Aphrodite and Pan.** Marble group representing Aphrodite, the goat-footed Pan and Eros (h. 1.30 m.). It was found on Delos and dates to ca. 100 B.C. Inv. no. 3335.

**Herm of kosmetes Sosistratos.** The stele (h. 1.93 m.) was found in Athens, in the area of Aghios Demetrios Katephores and it probably stood in the ancient Gymnasium, the Diogeneion. Dated to 141-142 A.D. Inv. no. 385.



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