

Bronze sculpture of a rider

from the sea of the island of Kalymnos
at the Acropolis Museum

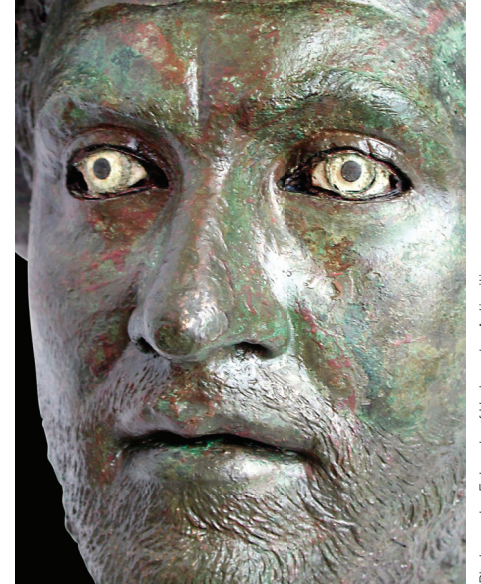
The Acropolis Museum, in cooperation with the Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities is exhibiting the torso of a bronze statue of a rider which was caught in fishing nets in the marine area of Kalymnos, a location which over the previous years has provided other bronze sculptures. These are original works of art from the Hellenistic Period that are distinguished by the high standard of their artistic quality.

The exhibition coincides with the anniversary celebration of the 40 years since the founding of the Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities in 1976.



Bronze statue of a rider wearing a cuirass found in the sea south of the island of Kalymnos.

The rider's 'leather' cuirass features decorative motives at the lower part and a rosette where the strap of the epaulet was fastened. A double belt, decorated with rhombus shapes, encircles the waist. These belts indicated the rank of the depicted. Special care was given to the way the 'leather' flaps at the bottom of the cuirass open up to allow the adjustment on the horse's back. 2nd cent. BC. Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities 2006/1.



Photographs: Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities.



Bronze sculptures from the sea of Kalymnos

Bronze female statue, the so-called "Lady of Kalymnos".

Found in 1994 to the east of the island. It depicts an important figure of the Hellenistic time, rendered in a well-loved statuary type which first appears in the end of the 4th cent. BC. 3rd cent. BC. Archaeological Museum of Kalymnos 3903.

Bronze head featuring the characteristic Macedonian headwear, the kausia.

Found in 1997 in the sea of the island of Kalymnos. Without a doubt it depicts the portrait of an important person of the 3rd cent. BC. Archaeological Museum of Kalymnos 3901.

Bronze statue of a rider wearing a cuirass found in the sea south of the island of Kalymnos.

The man raises his right hand in salutation.

2nd cent. BC. Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities 2009/28.

Leg of a bronze statue hauled up from the sea south of the island of Kalymnos.

The elaborate sandal bears spurs (ancient Greek: μύωπες, κέντρα) over 'leather' socks.

2nd cent. BC. Archaeological Museum of Kalymnos 3902.

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