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Attic Red-Figure Lekythos by the Berlin Painter



An ancient Attic Greek red-figure lekythos by the Berlin Painter depicting a nude Eros, wings spread, flying to the right toward a thymiaterion while looking back to the left; holding an oinochoe in his right hand and balancing three phialai in his left hand; meander borders above and below.

Athens, Attica.
Ca. 490 - 480 BC.
Height: 13 7/8 in. (35 cm).

The Berlin Painter (active ca. 490–460s BC), named after an amphora now in Berlin, is widely regarded as among the most talented artists of his time. None of his vases were signed, but his distinctive style is readily recognizable. He usually focused on one central figure painted in meticulous detail.

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Thermoluminescence test results by CIRAM laboratory in France.

Formerly in a Spanish private collection, acquired from P-E Becker, Cannes, France in 1998; subsequently in an American private collection. (Accompanied by Spanish and French cultural export licenses).

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