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Hellenistic Greek Marble Stele



An ancient Hellenistic Greek marble stele depicting in relief a woman named Zoa, wearing a himation, standing in the center flanked by two small girls. Her himation covers head and body, leaving only a small section of the right arm and the richly pleated undergarment visible. The right hand grasps the hem of the himation. The girl to the left, shown in profile, is in a reflective pose, looking up with the fingers of her left hand to her neck. The girl to the right holds an open mirror in both hands. A box, a kalathos and a double comb stand on a ledge in the upper part of the relief. On the upper frame, an inscription reads: Zoa, daughter of Menios, farewell.

Ca. 125 - 100 BC.
Height: 29 in. (73.5 cm).

Published: E. Pfuhl-H. Möbius, Die ostgriechischen Grabreliefs, vol. 1, Mainz, 1977, p. 151, no. 469, pl. 77; J. Eisenberg, Art of the Ancient World, vol. XXII (2011), no. 6.

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