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Roman Bronze Apollo



An ancient Roman large bronze standing nude Apollo, his hair bound atop his head, his weight on his right leg, once holding a bow in his left hand, wearing his quiver on a strap across his back, and holding a laurel sprig in his right hand.

Ca. 2nd century AD.
Height: 8 7/8 in. (13 cm).

Apollo was one of the most important Olympian gods in the Classical pantheon. His spheres of influence included music, prophecy, poetry, and light. He was both harbinger and curer of disease. He was the father of the god of medicine, Asclepius, and the brother of the virgin huntress Artemis. The god Hermes created the lyre for Apollo, and the instrument was his most common attribute. Hymns sung to Apollo were called paeans.

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