

Museum	National Museum of Roman Art
Inventory	CE08262
Generic Classification	Industrial arts
Object/Document	Balsamarium
Title	Faun
Material/Substrate	Bronze
Technique	Casting
Dimensions	Mouth diameter = 2 cm; Weight = 266 gr; Total height = 13 cm
Description	<p>Balsamarium in the form of a male bust. The face has Negroid features, a moustache and beard. His hair is braided into neatly arranged locks in rows. On the top of the head there is an opening that closes with a hinged lid, fitted with a hook-and-loop fastener, and a handle held by two ears with a ring on the part of the temporal bones that ends in a bird's prothorax.</p>
Iconography	Nubian
Cultural Context/Style	Roman culture
Place of Origin	Roman bridge, Mérida(Mérida (comarca), Badajoz): On the Guadiana, Immediate vicinity
Specific Site/Site	Roman bridge
Bibliography	<p>ÁLVAREZ SÁENZ DE BURUAGA, José. Archaeological Museum of Mérida (Badajoz). <i>Memoirs of the Provincial Archaeological Museums. 1955-1957</i>. Madrid: Inspección General de Museos Arqueológicos, 1960, p.176, fig. 96.</p> <p>NOGALES BASARRATE, Trinidad. Roman bronzes in Augusta Emerita. <i>Roman Bronzes in Spain</i>. Madrid: Centro Nacional de Exposiciones, 1990, pp. 103-115.</p> <p>WELL. <i>Anthropomorphic bronze balsamariums from the Roman period found in Hispania</i>. 1988. pp. 281 ff; Archivo Español de Arqueología, vol. 61.</p>



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