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Statue of a man presenting an effigy of Osiris Mid 26th dynasty, 664 - 525 BC

Graywacke

H.: 25.1 cm; W.: 6.4 cm; D.: 8.7 cm Department of Egyptian Antiquities, Musée du Louvre (E 4299)

A standing figure seems to be presenting a divine effigy of Osiris. His arms reach slightly forward, his hands resting on the god's arms. The god is also standing, although on his own base, which indicates that we are dealing with a representation of the god, not the god himself. As inscriptions themselves sometimes explain, the important thing was not to show a figure presenting a divine effigy, but to associate one's own depiction with that of a god.



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