

LIDDED LEKANIS WITH PANTHERS, A SPHINX, AND HARPIES

Greek, Corinthian, ca. 600 – 575 B.C.

Terracotta

H: 9 cm (3.5 in)

Reference: 35527



The lekanis has twin spurred handles on either side of a shallow footed bowl, decorated by three rows of red pomegranates along the rim and a series of red, black, and clay colored bands below. Narrow concentric red bands continue in the black-glazed interior, and on the outer bands of the lid. The lid features a frieze with a foliate design of palmettes, tendrils, and lotus buds heraldically flanked by two panthers behind a sphinx and two harpies. A star pattern on the concave knob radiates outward from a red medallion, while rosettes and rings of sunburst dots fill the field.

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