

## STRAP NECKLACE WITH SPEARHEAD PENDANTS

Greek, 4th century B.C.

Gold

Length: 31.8 cm

Reference: 18710



This necklace comprises a strap made of several loop-in-loop chains that are interlinked side by side; the strap terminates at both ends in clasps with a filigree decoration featuring a palmette on a spiral base. A fringe of tiny, spearhead pendants, each made of three lobes, is attached to the strap's lower edge. The join is covered by small, elaborate rosettes that also function as coverings for the wires used to attach the pendants.

Necklaces with a regular series of identical pendants have a long history in Greek jewelry and can even be seen represented on vases. Various forms of amphora-shaped pendants were popular in the fourth century B.C., until they were replaced by the spearhead pendant; this term that is not exactly correct, but is identical to the ancient Greek name used for this type of pendant *logchia* or *hormoi logchotoi* which is known from early Hellenistic temple inventories.

Spearhead necklaces have been found in various parts in Greece, Asia Minor, southern Russia, and Magna Graecia. The earliest examples were found in excavated contexts in Pella and Derveni in Macedonia and date to the late fourth century B.C.; the latest date to the third century B.C.

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