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Bowl with a Medallion Depicting Dionysos and Ariadne

A Bowl with a Medallion Depicting Dionysos and Ariadne from about 100 B.C. acquired by the Getty Museum. The bowl depicts Dionysos, the Greek god of wine, claspng the face of his wife Ariadne. A silenos, a follower of Dionysos, sits on a rock at the right, turning away from the couple. The pose of Dionysos and Ariadne resembles earlier depictions of Eros and Psyche. The figures and aspects of the workmanship suggest that this bowl was made in the Near East, probably in an area still or once under Seleucid Greek rule, where Greek and indigenous artistic styles and techniques blended together.