A000-Eur-Greece-Attica-Kylix-Blackware Glazed Stem-Hellenistic-420-350 BCE

**Case no.: 4**

**Accession Number:**

**Formal Label:** Eur-Greece-Attica-Kylix-Black Glazed Stem-Hellenistic-420-350 BCE

**Display Description: `**

A large elegant ancient Attica Greek late blackware kylix, with two loop handles, one on each side, dating to approximately 420-350 BCE.

This broad shallow-body Kylix (κύλιξ) with two horizontal symmetrical handles enabled one to drink while recumbent, as was the typical case in a symposium. The almost flat interior circle on the interior base of the cup, called the tondo which is adorned with palmette decoration was the primary surface for painted or incised decoration in the Black-figure or Red-figure styles. As the images would be covered with wine, the scenes would only be revealed in stages as the wine was drained. They were often designed with this in mind, with scenes created so that they would surprise or titillate the drinker as they were revealed.

**LC Classification:**

**Date or Time Horizon:** 420-350 BCE

**Geographical Area:** Attica

**Map:**

**GPS coordinates:**

**Cultural Affiliation:** Hellenistic

**Media:** The piece is decorated with a glossy black glaze.

**Dimensions:** 20.4 cm wide 7 cm high

**Weight:**

**Condition: original**

**Provenance:**

**Discussion:**

The Greek kylix "cup," is cognate with the Latin calix, the source of the English word "chalice."

**References:**