

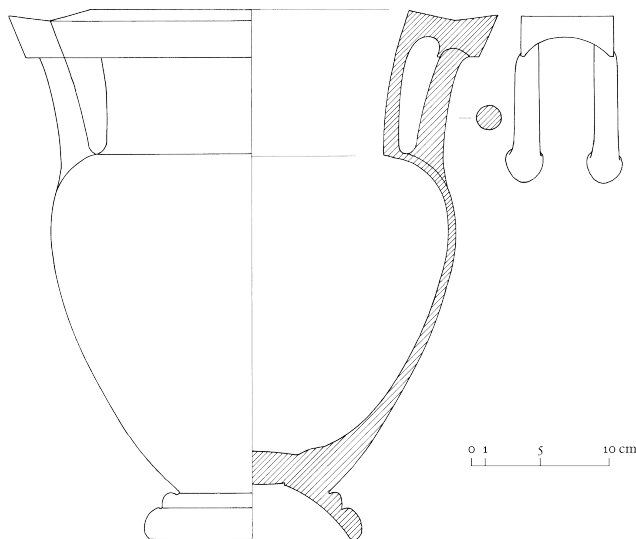
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Plates 544–46

Accession Number 82.AE.143

PROVENANCE –1982, Edwin A. Lipps (Pacific Palisades, California); 1982, donated to the J. Paul Getty Museum; according to Museum documentation at the time of acquisition, the krater was “from Sothey [*sic*] Parke Bernet, 1956,” but it has yet to be identified in any relevant sale catalogue of that year.

SHAPE AND ORNAMENT Rim slightly convex on top, with a vertical overhang and a flat handle plate that extends beyond the rim at each side and is supported by two columns; ovoid body; ogee foot. Top of rim decorated with a black dotted chain of lotus buds. Palmettes on the handle plates. Overhang of the rim on A and B decorated with a double row of black dots between black lines. On neck: A, black dotted chain of lotus buds between two black lines in a reserve panel; B, black. Figural decoration on the body set in panels framed by a double row of dots between black lines at the sides, a tongue pattern on the shoulder at the junction with the neck above, and a reserved band below. Outside of foot black except at bottom. Resting surface and underside of foot reserved. Interior black.



SUBJECT A. Oedipus and the Sphinx. Oedipus stands frontally, looking to the right at the Sphinx. He is bearded and dressed as a traveler in a cloak tied over his right shoulder, with a *petasos* (traveler’s hat) hanging from his

neck. He holds a spear in his right hand. The Sphinx sits in profile facing left on top of a short Ionic column. She wears a *sakkos* (a type of headdress). To the left of Oedipus a young companion stands frontally; he, too, is dressed as a traveler and wears a himation and a *petasos*. He holds two spears in his right hand. At the right stands a youth facing to the left in profile. He is dressed in a himation and holds a staff or spear in his right hand, and wears a fillet around his head.

B. Three youths in conversation. The one on the left moves left while looking back. He is dressed in a himation and holds a stick in his right hand while gesturing with the other. The youth in the middle stands in profile to the right and gestures with his right hand to the youth facing him. Both wear a himation, and the youth in the middle holds a stick in his left hand. All three have fillets around their heads.

ATTRIBUTION AND DATE Attributed to the Painter of London E 489 by J. R. Guy. Circa 460–450 B.C.

DIMENSIONS AND CONDITION Height 38.5 cm; diam. of rim 30.5 cm (outside); diam. of rim 23.7 cm (inside); width with handles 36.1 cm; diam. of body 29.8 cm; diam. of foot 16.3 cm. Capacity to rim is 10.85 liters. Mended from fragments. Plaster used to secure the fragments on the right side of B. Encrustation in places on A as well as the interior. The vase exhibits some iron staining and structural cracks.

TECHNICAL FEATURES Preliminary sketch. Relief contour on A. Accessory color. Red: line around the vase beneath the reserved band; fillets.

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COMPARANDA The Painter of London E 489 is a painter of column-kraters connected with the Boreas Painter and the Florence Painter. For the painter, see *ARV*² 546–49, 1658; *Paralipomena* 385–86; *Beazley Addenda*² 256; *Agora* 30, p. 105.

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The Sphinx is usually depicted facing right. For examples facing left, cf. a cup by the Oedipus Painter in the Vatican 16.541 (*ARV*² 451.1, 1653–54; *Paralipomena* 376; *Beazley Addenda*² 119; Krauskopf, “Oidipous” [*supra*], p. 4, no. 19); a cup by the Veii Painter in Gotha, Schlossmuseum 80 (*ARV*² 902.36; *Paralipomena* 429; Krauskopf, “Oidipous” [*supra*], p. 5, no. 39); an amphora that may be by the Barclay Painter in Oxford, Ashmolean Museum 526 (*ARV*² 1068.5; *CVA Oxford* 1 [Great Britain 3], pl. 19.5.8); a Nolan amphora by Polygnotos in Naples, Museo Archeologico Nazionale H 3131 (*ARV*² 1031.48; Moret, *Oedipe*, p. 176, cat. no. 96, pl. 55); a column-krater by the Agrigento Painter, once in Potenza, Coll. Barone (*ARV*² 574.5; *Beazley Addenda*² 128; Moret, *Oedipe*, pp. 9, 33–34, 169, cat. no. 33, fig. 4).

The Sphinx often appears seated on the top of an Ionic column. Cf. the cup by the Oedipus Painter in the Vatican 16.541 (*supra*). For the Sphinx seated on a column or rock, see Moret, *Oedipe*, pp. 69–75.

The full face of the youth behind Oedipus clearly presents an expression of panic. His total frontality—body and face—also gives a sense of depth. He is very similar to Hermes as depicted on a bell-krater by the Persephone Painter in New York, Metropolitan Museum of Art 28.57.23 (*ARV*² 1012.1; *Paralipomena* 440; *Beazley Addenda*² 314; *Pandora*, pp. 289–90, cat. no. 82, entry by E. Reeder). For another youth facing frontally in the scene with Oedipus and the Sphinx, see the column-krater by the Agrigento Painter, once in Potenza, Coll. Barone (*supra*).

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