

Caryatid statue



Subject

Caryatid statue rediscovered in 1585, at the time of Sixtus 5th. Originally, it was part of a sculptural group placed on the frontal part of a temple-shaped building depicted by Giovan Battista Piranesi in

1765. The Temple of Caryatids was located in the Pago Triopio, the land property of Annia Regilla, Herodes Atticus's wife. According to recent studies, the sanctuary is situated in the area of Capo di Bove's thermal baths, where in 2004 a fragmentary statue of the same building was unearthed. Other Caryatid statues belonging to the same context are preserved in the Vatican Museum and the Albani collection.

Accession number 1805,0703.44

Pentelic marble

Height 2,20 m

Intact

140-160 A.D.

Provenance

Complex of Capo di Bove

Placement

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Credits

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References

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