

Certificate of Authenticity

We guarantee that the coin illustrated is genuine and is as described:



Coin Type: ANCIENT GREEK
Denomination: DRACHM
Ruler: GREEK - CITY STATES
Mint: DYRRHACIUM
Country: ILLYRIA IN WESTERN GREECE
(Modern day Yugoslavia)

Date: CIRCA 229-100 B. C.
Metal: SILVER
Framing: 18 KT
Certificate Number: 20698

A DYRRHACIUM COW WITH CALF

Obverse: Cow standing right looking back at calf which suckles; above, on two lines, ANTI/OXOS, to the left and right, ear of corn; below the line, grapes.

Reverse: DA DM NOS around square containing double stellate pattern.

The reference used for this coin is The British Museum catalogues of Greek Coins, Volume 7, page 68, number 50.

Epidamnus, a colony of Cocyra founded circa 623 B. C. was the chief town of the Dyrrhachii, in whose name its coins were issued. The Romans changed the name of the place to Dyrrhacium, and it became the main port of arrival in Greece for ships from Brundisium, in Italy.

In B. C. 229, the Romans interfered in the wars in that area to protect the city from the ravages of Illyrian pirates; they allowed Dyrrachium to retain a considerable measure of autonomy, under Roman protection and superintendence.

The name on the obverse (ANTI/OXOS) is that of the eponymous magistrate of the year, while the name on the reverse (DA DM NOS) belongs to the monetary magistrate who was responsible for the weight and fineness of the coin.

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