

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 WHITE

Certificate Number: 20717

A DYRRHACIUM COW WITH CALF

Obverse: Cow standing right looking back at calf which it suckles; lettering above.

Reverse: FILO DA MOY around double floral pattern within square.

The reference used for this coin is The British Museum catalogues of Greek Coins, Volume 7, page 74, number 131.

Epidamnos, a colony of Cocyra founded circa 623 B. C. was the chief town of the Dyrrhachii, in who 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 (KALLI/KPATHS) is that of the eponymous magistrate of the year, while the name on the reverse (FILO DA MOY) belongs to the monetary magistrate who was responsible for the weight and fineness of the coin.


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