

	<p>Object: Female figurine</p> <p>Museum: Національний музей історії України вулиця Володимирська, 2 01001 Київ +380442784864 history_museum@nmiu.org</p> <p>Collection: Археологія, Доба каменю</p> <p>Inventory number: a1/6</p>
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Description

Mizyn sculpture is a unique phenomenon of the oldest art. The original style of the figurines immediately attracted the attention of researchers. Its attribution became the subject of a debate that continues to this day. Khvedir Vovk found the female statuette in 1909 during the excavations of the site. It is made as a round sculpture from a cylindrical blank. The upper part has the form of a short rod curved at the end. The lower part has thickened proportions. The rounded ridge separates the lower part from the three sides. The item has a smooth surface and incised zigzag ornament along the ridge. On the front flat side, there is a complex graphic composition. Below there is an image of a subtriangular figure, which is a stylistic feature of the female gender.

The geometric shape of the figurine clearly embodies a stylized image of the female body. Different in size Mizyn figurines could correspond to the age stages of a woman (teenager-girl, woman-mother, housekeeper). Ancient humans probably used it during initiations associated with the transition to another age group. It fundamentally changed a person's status in the group.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Mammoth tusk, chipping, turning, carving
Measurements:	l 71, w 44 mm

Events

Created	When	15 000 років тому
	Who	
	Where	Mezine
Found	When	1909

[Relation to person or institution]	Who	Fedir Vovk (1847-1918)
	Where	село Мезин
	When	
	Who	Кабінет антропології та етнології ім. Хв. Вовка (1921-1934)
	Where	

Keywords

- Верхній палеоліт