Object: Horned lid

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Description

This is a conical lid with two raised handles. An incised ornament in ribbons, lines, and grooves decorates the vessel's surface. Parallel incised stripes form a spiral composition and are images of snakes. Different snake compositions are part of the complex of the Moon symbols of the Cucuteni–Trypillia culture. The lunar symbolism determines most images of a sacral tradition of Cucuteni–Trypillia tribes.

Spread to the sides handles are images of horns. Such lids cover pear-shaped vessels with snake ornaments and other lunar symbols. In combination, they personified a polymorphic being. This is enveloped by snakes female divine figure with a horned head.

Basic data

Material/Technique: Clay, modelling, engobing, ornamentation,

paste inlay, firing

Measurements: h 62 mm, the biggest d 90 mm

Events

Created When 4100-3600 BC

Who

Where

Found When

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Where Trypillia

Keywords

- Cucuteni-Trypillia culture
- Енеоліт