

	<p>Object: Crescent-Shaped Gold Pectoral of a Scythian King</p> <p>Museum: Національний музей історії України вулиця Володимирська, 2 01001 Київ +380442784864 history_museum@nmiu.org</p> <p>Collection: Скарбниця НМІУ, Пам'ятки ювелірного мистецтва доби бронзи та раннього заліза</p> <p>Inventory number: АЗС-2494</p>
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Description

The golden pectoral was found near the entrance to the Central tomb of the Scythian Tovsta Mohyla barrow.

The basis of this pectoral consists of the frame made from four twisted plait-like hollow tubes, connected by two ornamented girdles and completed with lion-headed clasps.

Main plane of the pectoral consists of three registers divided by mentioned tubes. Lower and upper registers are filled with soldered sculptural scenes, middle one – with a one-piece gold plaque with a floral pattern and bird figurines attached. The lower register is filled with animal and mythic beast interaction scenes, including horses, lions and griffins.

In the centre of the topmost register, two kneeling men stitch a fleece between them. On either side of them is a horse with a foal. On the other side of the horses are a cow and its calf. Next follows on each side a kneeling Scythian with a sheep, one milking, the other holding an amphora. Beside them is a goat with its young and, in each corner, a bird.

The pectoral's composition represents a cosmogonic conception of the Scythians, thus making the pectoral from Tovsta Mohyla not only a stunning jewellery piece but an important object of cult.

Pectoral, as a special type of breast adornment, which has been known since ancient times in West Asia, Caucasus and Thrace. But Tovsta Mohyla pectoral is unique and known only in a single piece.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Gold, enamel, casting, chasing, stamping, forging, drawing, inlay, soldering
Measurements:	d 306 mm

Events

Created	When	4. century BC
	Who	
	Where	Північне Причорномор'я
Found	When	1971
	Who	Борис Миколайович Мозолевський
	Where	Pokrov
Buried	When	360-340 BC
	Who	
	Where	Tovsta Mohyla

Keywords

- Доба раннього заліза
- Скіфи
- скіфська культура
- скіфія

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