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Pinax. Gods and Heroes [Πίναξ. Θεοί και Ἡρώες (Pínaks. Theoí kai Īrōes)] (Series): Heracles [Ἡρακλῆς (Īraklís)]

Greece (2013)

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General information	
Title of the work	Pinax. Gods and Heroes [Πίναξ. Θεοί και Ἡρώες (Pínaks. Theoí kai Īrōes)] (Series): Heracles [Ἡρακλῆς (Īraklís)]
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Thetis Authentics was founded by Dr Eleni Aloupi-Siotis in 1999, replacing the 1994-founded Thetis Hellas archaeological consulting company based in Athens, Greece. Thetis Authentics uses non-invasive techniques to date artefacts and art, mostly for museums and private collections. The company expanded to include the creation of ceramic replicas of ancient artefacts. Dr Aloupi-Siotis holds a PhD in Analytical Chemistry based on research on archaeological ceramics at the Institute of Materials Science (NCSR Demokritos, Athens/University of Ioannina). She taught Archaeometry at the University of Thessaly before going on to work as a forensic expert at the Greek Ministry of Justice's Court of Appeals, and, then, to found Thetis Hellas.

Sources:

Official [website](#) (accessed: October 30, 2018);

Eleni Aloupi's [profile](#) at independent.academia.edu (accessed: October 30, 2018).

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Additional information

Summary

For a summary introduction to the series, please see the [Pinax. Gods and Heroes. Athena](#) [πίναξ. θεοί και Ἡρώες. Αθηνά] entry in this database.

This particular pinax shows Heracles fighting the Lernaean Hydra, a scene from the Twelve Labours. There is a cardboard mount that can be used to display the pieces once the scene has been assembled.

Analysis

For an analysis of the series overall, please see [Pinax. Gods and Heroes. Athena](#) [πίναξ. θεοί και Ἡρώες. Αθηνά] entry in this database.

The puzzle under review features Heracles slaying the Hydra (based on a hydria now in the J. Paul Getty Museum, ref. 83.AE.346; Beazley Archive ref. 1002891). Heracles is one of the more famous classical heroes in the modern world. Young people playing with the puzzle may already know him as a character. Where this is the case, the puzzle extends young people's understanding of the hero by presenting him through an ancient representation. Only a section of the vase is reproduced, featuring Heracles tackling the Hydra, but not Iolaus helping him.

Classical, Mythological, Traditional Motifs, Characters, and Concepts

[Greek Art Heracles Hercules Hydra Twelve Labours of Heracles](#)

Other Motifs, Figures, and Concepts Relevant for Children and Youth Culture

[Coming of age Conflict Death Heroism Learning Masculinity Play* Puzzle*](#)

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Further Reading

[Getty Museum education page for the vase featured in this puzzle](#)
(accessed: May 30, 2019).

