

# A Reproduction Cypriot Buff Earthenware Pithoid Jar

Late Cypriot II. (1450–1200 BC) possibly Mycenaean

*Height 16.9cm × diameter 10.6cm × base 5.5cm*

A piriform pithoid jar with a raised ring base, short concave neck, sloping rim, and three flat handles from shoulder to upper body, made of buff clay with buff slip and decorated with dark brown painted bands, lines, and a wavy motif with concentric circles on the shoulder.

This unique artefact was excavated by the Swedish Cyprus Expedition in 1930 at Enkomi, on the floor in a side chamber of Tomb 18.

It has been part of the Cyprus collection at the Medelhavsmuseet, Stockholm, Sweden (Inv. No.: E. 018 Sk:019) since 1930.

The **UNESCO Chair on Digital Cultural Heritage** led a landmark initiative to digitise the largest collection of Cypriot artefacts held outside Cyprus, marking the **first time** a collection has been digitally repatriated at this scale.

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