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Faces of Ancient Arabia

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Little known to many westerners, Southern Arabia—the land of the Queen of Sheba—played an important role during antiquity. Ancient authors wrote about wealthy cities, huge temples, and precious statues. This exhibition is drawn primarily from a recent gift of approximately 60 works of Yemeni alabaster sculpture dating from the 3rd century B.C. to the 3rd century A.D., and focuses on the importance and splendor of the kingdoms of Southern Arabia that prospered through trade in incense and other precious items with Egypt, the Near East, and the Roman Empire. These impressive artifacts will bring to life the art and history of an important, but largely unfamiliar, culture of the ancient world.