



RADICI DEL PRESENTE

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THE VIRIDARIUM:
THE GARDEN OF A
ROMAN HOUSE

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VOTIVE RELIEF

Palazzo Poli Collection

White marble relief depicting a water Nymph and a male figure, sitting on a rock, facing each other. The woman is wrapped, at the bottom, by a pleated cloak which rises behind the head, her right arm rests on the rock, while the left rests on a vase (*stamnos*) from which flows a stream of water. In her hand she holds a marsh reed. The man, bearded, his head crowned with ivy, wears only a light coat on the legs, with the left hand he holds an object that has the shape of a stick.

IV century B.C.

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HERM WITH BEARDED DIVINITY

Palazzo Poli Collection

White marble herm with head depicting a male deity, Hermes or Dionysus. The hair, arranged in double row of spiral curls over the forehead and wavy locks on the calotte, is encircled by a large band. The face is framed by a thick beard of spiral curls in the upper part and with elongated curls in the lower part. It is a decorative work which elaborates models of Greek sculpture of the sixth century B.C.

I century A.D.

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PUTTO HEAD

Palazzo Poli Collection

White marble head of a chubby-faced putto. The hair, arranged in curls with a small braid up to the center of the head, is held over the forehead by a crown of leaves.

II century A.D.



PUTEAL FRAGMENT

Merolli-FATA Collection

The fragment of white marble, pertinent to a puteal (parapet of a well or an altar), is decorated with a relief on which is depicted a dancing Maenad of the Dionysian procession. With the right hand she holds the *thyrsus* (stick crowned with ivy) and with the left a fawn. The head and the right arm are integrations of a modern restoration.

I century A.D.

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FRAGMENT OF BASIN

Palazzo Poli Collection

White marble fragment of a fountain basin with a fluted surface.

Roman Imperial Age

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SUPPORT

Assicurazioni Generali Excavations 1902-1904

Support of white marble with molded base and smooth shaft. It probably sustained a piece of furniture.

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FRAGMENT OF CUP

Palazzo Poli Collection

Fragment of white marble cup with handles. The outer surface is decorated with beads and vegetal elements. The rim is decorated with a row of ovoli.

First half of the I century A.D.

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FRAGMENT OF SMALL COLUMN

Assicurazioni Generali Excavations 1902-1904

Fragment of small smooth column.

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FRAGMENT OF CUP/BOWL

Palazzo Poli Collection

Fragment of a white marble bowl with the rim decorated with pods.
The inner surface has a decorative shell.

I century A.D.

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SMALL PILLAR

Assicurazioni Generali Excavations 1902-1904

Small pillar decorated with plant motifs. Used as a support for furnishing elements.

I century A.D.

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SUPPORT

Palazzo Poli Collection

White marble fragment of pillar of parallelepiped shape decorated with plant motifs of leaves and grain ears. Used as a support for furnishing elements.

I century A.D.

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FRAGMENT OF SMALL COLUMN

Assicurazioni Generali Excavations 1902-1904

Fragment of small spiral column.

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FRAGMENT OF RELIEF

Merolli-FATA Collection

White marble fragment of relief on which is depicted a female figure, in profile to the left, with the body totally wrapped in a cloak. The fragment belongs to a relief with Nymphs of neo-Attic production known from different replicas.

Early Imperial Age

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FRAGMENT OF RELIEF

Merolli-FATA Collection

White marble fragment of relief with female figure, in profile to the right, playing a *tympanum*. The figure could be identified as a Maenad *tympanistria* of the Dionysian procession.

I century A.D.

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FRAGMENT OF RELIEF

Palazzo Poli Collection

White marble fragment of relief with the lower part of a female figure seen in profile. The right foot is resting on the ground, while the left has the heel slightly raised. The woman wears a *chiton* and a slight *himàtion* (cloak). The figure moves forward and could be identified with a dancer of the Dionysian procession.

I century A.D.

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FRAGMENTS OF SPIRAL COLUMN

Assicurazioni Generali Excavations 1902-1904

Fragments of white marble spiral column.

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BASE

Assicurazioni Generali Excavations 1902-1904

White marble base.

Roman Imperial Age

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FRAGMENT OF CANDELABRUM

Palazzo Poli Collection

White marble fragment of a candelabrum shaft decorated with vegetal elements.

I century A.D.

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TOP OF CANDELABRUM

Palazzo Poli Collection

Top of white marble candelabrum, globular shaped, decorated with four branches with leaves and a little central bird.

I century A.D.

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CANDELABRUM WITH PHYTOMORPHIC RELIEFS

Palazzo Poli Collection

Shaft fragment of white marble candelabrum decorated with lanceolate leaves, acanthus leaves and flowers in relief.

End of the I - Early II century A.D.

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CANDELABRUM WITH PHYTOMORPHIC RELIEF

Palazzo Poli Collection

Lower part of white marble shaft of candelabrum decorated with lanceolate leaves in relief and button shaped flowers.

End of the I - Early II century A.D.

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FRAGMENT OF CANDELABRUM OR SMALL COLUMN

Palazzo Poli Collection

White marble fragment of candelabrum or small column shaft decorated with a tuft of large water leaves in relief from which emerge branches with leaves.

I century A.D.
