



Heroe of Riace (A)

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It happened on 16 August 1972 on the Calabrian coast not far from the strait between the Italian mainland and Sicily: the Italian scuba diver Stefano Mariottini accidentally came across an arm, a knee and toes sticking out of the sand at a depth of 8 m in dark green. Frogmen from Messina recovered the two completely intact ca 2 m tall bronze statues a few days later using an air-filled balloon. The statues of the two unclothed Greek heroes were probably on their way to Rome, where Greek art was very popular in Roman times when their ship was wrecked near Riace. They once carried shields, spears or swords. The ingenious sculptor Phidias is considered to be their creator. 1 Million people in Florence admired the bronzes when they were finally freed from their chalky encrustations after 7 long years. At their 2nd exhibition site, the Quirinal Palace in Rome, the number of visitors was even higher. The beauty and artistic expression of the Heroes of Riace are unique. They are bronze cast images of the Greek ideal of harmony between body and mind. Original c. 461 BC, in the Museo Reggio di Calabria. Reduction. Polymer ars mundi museum replica, cast by hand. With fine bronze patina. On a diabase pedestal, size 15 x 15 x 5 cm, height with pedestal ca. 52 cm.

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