

Head of Athena Lemnia

The original acrolithic statue was created by Phidias (ca. 440-435) and paid for by Athenians living on the island of Lemnos (hence, the "Lemnian Athena"); the statue stood on the Acropolis in Athens. Adolf Furtwängler reconstructed the statue from disparate heads and torsos in 1891. His reconstruction is in Dresden. The original work used as a basis for the Wilcox Collection's cast of the head, also known as the Palagi head, is in the Archaeological Museum of Bologna, Italy.