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I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Euxine Coast
iii. Site	Dionysopolis

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-THR-044

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii - iii AD

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 60: 778 (ii - iii AD)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication to Herakles by Demosthenes of Nicomedia *Atheneastes*.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Small marble altar completely preserved
ii. Source(s) provenance	Dionysopolis, temple of the Pontic Mother of Gods (excavations).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	The altar itself, insofar it was consacrated in the temple.

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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members of the association were called Ἀθηνεασταί, *Atheneastai*, as we can infer from the definition Ἀθηνεαστής (Ἀθηνεαστές, in the inscription), *Atheneastes* (l. 4), used to describe the only known member of the association, Demosthenes, author of the dedication.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Lazarenko, I., *et al.* (2010), 'The Temple of the Pontic Mother of Gods in Dionysopolis', in E.K. Petropoulos and A.A. Maslennikov (eds.), *Ancient Sacral Monuments in the Black Sea*, Thessaloniki: 13-62. Lazarenko, I., *et al.* (2013), *The Temple of the Pontic Mother of Gods in Dionysopolis.* Varna.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	On the basis of the terminology, the existence of the association is certain but was it at Dionysopolis or at Nicomedia, Demosthenes' country?

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