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CAPInv. 986: **hoi enkomiastai**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Central Greece
ii. Region	Boiotia
iii. Site	Thespiai

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ ἐγκωμισταί (I.Thespiai 382, l. 2; I.Thespiai 383, l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi enkomiastai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	l. i AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	Composers of hymns (<i>enkomia</i>)
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Thespiai 382 (l. i AD) I.Thespiai 383 (l. i AD) See XII.i Comments.
Note	See also: Roesch 1982: 177-82, nos. 27 and 28 (SEG 32: 502)
Online Resources	I.Thespiai 382 I.Thespiai 383
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Two dedications by the <i>enkomiastai</i> of statues of the brothers T. Fl. Mondon and T. Fl. Phileinos, both sons of Phileinos. Both inscriptions are written in Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Two statue bases. I.Thespiat 383 seems to have disappeared. I.Thespiat 382 is of beige limestone.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>enkomiastai</i> erected monuments for two young brothers (<i>epheboi</i> , I.Thespiat 382, l. 3; I.Thespiat 383, ll. 3-4), son of a member of a local elite family.
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XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The two young men belong to the local elite. Their family can be traced over a period of three centuries (see Jones 1970).
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	There has been some uncertainty in regards to the dating of the inscriptions. Both were attributed to late i AD in I.Thespiat 382 and 383. However, I Thespiat 383 was by Roesch dated to the second half of ii AD a dating that is also used by LGPN IIIB Philinos. If the two inscriptions are coterminous then it is difficult to ascertain whether or not it was a lasting association. I.Thespiat 383 might lend credence to a permanent association if the inscription should be dated to ii AD (Roesch 1982 p. 178).
iii. Bibliography	Jones, C.P. (1970), 'A Leading Family of Roman Thespieae', <i>HSPH</i> 74: 223–55. Roesch, P. (1982), <i>Etudes béotiennes</i> . Paris.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	It is not possible to conclude whether this was a permanent association or not. If it was, then the generic terminology employed would suggest a private one.