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CAPInv. 1524: **hoi peri ton Dionyson technitai**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Alexandria (L00)
iii. Site	Alexandria

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ περὶ τὸν Διόνυσον τεχνῖται (Ath. 198c)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi peri ton Dionyson technitai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	279 (?) / 278 (?) BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>technitai</i>
	Theophoric:	<i>peri ton Dionyson</i> , Dionysus

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Ath. 198c
Note	<i>FGrH</i> 627 F 2; Le Guen I 17.
Online Resources	Ath. 198c
i.a. Source type(s)	Literary source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Account in Greek of Ptolemy II Philadelphus' procession in honour of his father Ptolemy I Soter, as recorded by Callixeinus of Rhodes (<i>FGrH</i> 627 F 2) and transmitted in Athenaeus' <i>The Learned Banqueters</i> (<i>Deipnosophistae</i>). According to the account the <i>technitai</i> of Dionysus took part in the procession.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	According to Dunand 1986: 92, the poet Philiskos, priest of Dionysus (Ath. 198 c: Φιλίσκος ὁ ποιητὴς ἱερεὺς ὧν Διονύσου, <i>Philiskos ho poietes hierous on Dionysou</i>), who took part in the procession together with the <i>technitai</i> , was probably their president.
iii. Members	The members are collectively called οἱ περὶ τὸν Διόνυσον τεχνῖται, <i>hoi peri ton Dionyson technitai</i> .

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	Given the character of the association it seems certain that the members were all men.
iii. Age	Adults
Note	On the basis of the type of association, the <i>technitai</i> were probably all adults.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	On the question of the date of Ptolemy II's procession, cf. Thompson 2000: 381-388.
iii. Bibliography	Dunand, F. (1986), 'Les associations dionysiaques au service du pouvoir lagide (IIIe s. av. J.-C.)', in <i>L'association dionysiaque dans les sociétés anciennes. Actes de la table ronde organisée par l'École française de Rome</i> , Rome: 85-103. Thompson, D. J. (2000), 'Philadelphus' procession: dynastic power in a mediterranean context', in L. Mooren (ed.), <i>Politics, administration and society in the Hellenistic and Roman World. Proceedings of the international colloquium, Bertinoro 19-24 July 1997</i> , Leuven: 365-88.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	Given the character of the <i>technitai</i> of Dionysus it seems certain that they were a private association.