Earrings in the



Ancient Greece

During the Roman Empire the taste for earrings had a significant boost. Disc-shaped earrings with hanging deities or flowers were very popular. Among the Greeks, the earring was a much loved accessory and this made its use increasingly widespread also in the female sphere.

In the Hellenic period the first bijoux, earrings and jewels in gilded terracotta were born, and Taranto became a thriving center of this production as well as of classic goldsmithing. The earrings were widespread among a wider public and also among nomadic populations and tribes and for the less well-off classes they became ornaments of use and costume. The deities they adorned

the earrings of this period were Nike, goddess of victory and Eros, god of love. Also famous are the pendant earrings that end with a bird such as the swan, the peacock and the dove, which refer to symbolic meanings, while the hoop earrings are carved with lion, bull, lynx and gazelle heads. Glix