

LGBTQ+
Secrets of the
Metropolitan
Museum,
with Professor
Andrew Lear





Greek and Roman



Zeus's Boyfriend?

1. The Diadoumenos of Polykleitos
(Roman marble copy from the 1st-2nd
century AD of a Greek bronze of 430
BC)





Gym Buddies

2. Red-figure drinking-cup by Douris, 480-470 BC. Note inscription, “HO ΠΑΙΣ ΚΑΛΟΣ” (the boy is beautiful)







Ladies too?

3. Black-figure oil-flask, ca.
550 BC



Roman courtyard



The Greatest Emperor

Marble bust of
Emperor Hadrian
(born 76 AD,
reigned 117-138)



His Boy-
Toy
(and a
god...)

4. Marble bust of
Antinous, 130-138 AD

Professor Lear with Antinous at Delphi



The Village Men's Lodge

5. Bis poles from Asmat people, New Guinea, collected by Michael Rockefeller, 1965



Michael
Rockefeller
among the
Asmat, 1965



Tribal Initiation



The Roman God, the Cardinal, and the Castrato Singer

6. Andrea Sacchi, Marcantonio
Pasqualini Crowned by Apollo, 1641







Musicians or Hustlers?

7. Caravaggio, The
Musicians, 1595



The Muse

Caravaggio,
The Lute Player, 1596
Hermitage





Drag?
(Or “Is That a
Maiden?”)

8. Frans Hals
Merrymakers at
Shrovetide
1616

Actress/mistress

- Thomas Lawrence
- Elizabeth Farren
- 1790





The Brothel

10. Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec
The Sofa
1894-5

The Met's
second-largest
painting!



Bad Art?

11. Rosa Bonheur, The Horse Fair, 1853







Gender Bender?

Anna Klumpke
Portrait of Rosa Bonheur
1898

A Woman With a Head Like Caesar

12. Picasso
Gertrude Stein
1906







The Harlem Renaissance's
LGBTQ side

13. Richmond Barthé
Portrait of Harold Jackman
1929
Private Collection

Modern Grief

14. Marsden Hartley Portrait of a German Officer 1914







