

# The Athenian Acropolis



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# Temple of Athena Parthenos



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## Dates:

- 447 – work initiated
- 438 – cult statue dedicated
- 433/2 - completed



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Architects: Iktinos, Kallikrates, Karpion.

Supervisor: Phidias

‘...director and supervisor of the whole project’ (Plut., *Per.* 13).



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# Poseidonia

## Temple of Hera

c. 540-530 BC

# Inside the Naos

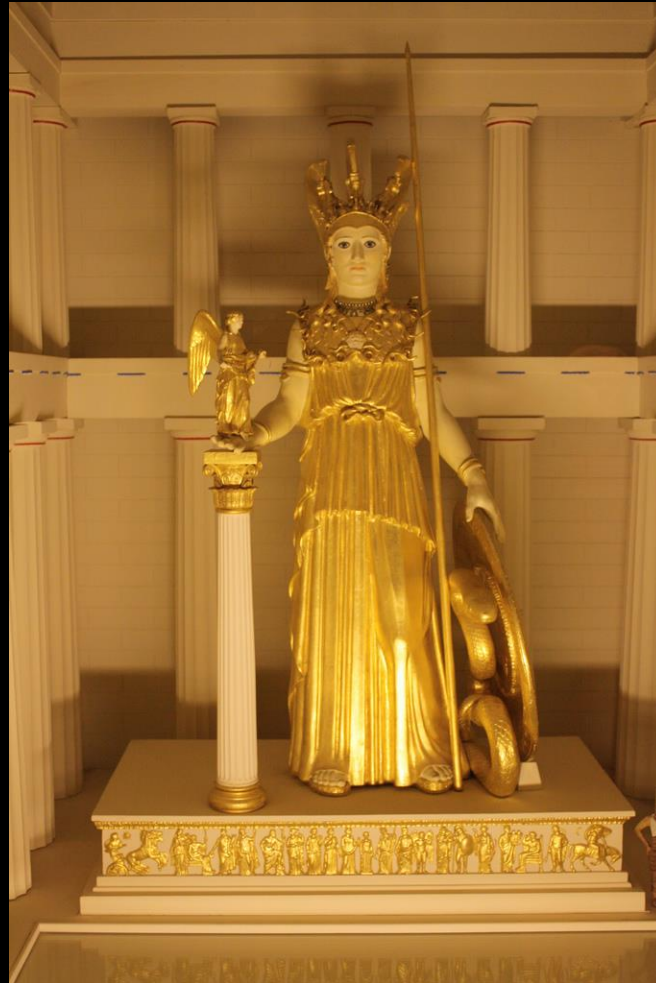


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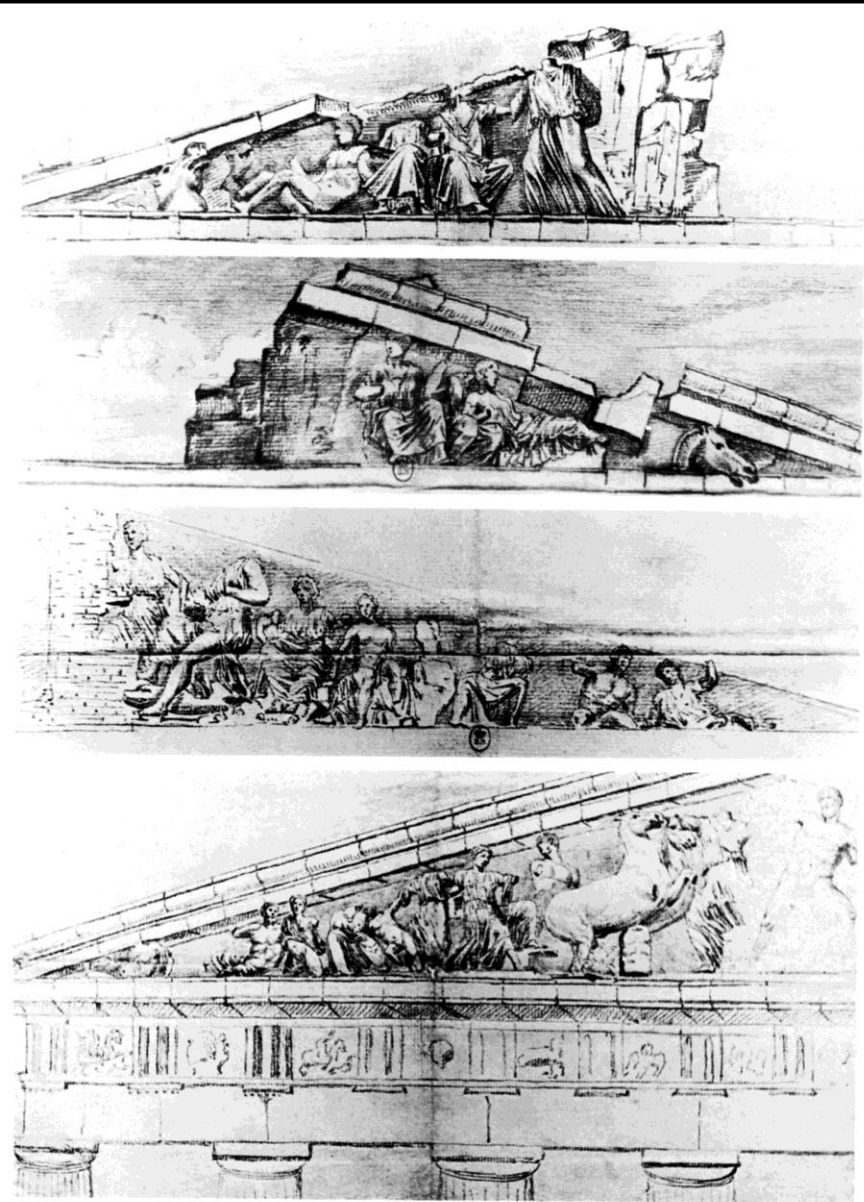
Model

Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto

# Pausanias 1.24.5

- As you enter the temple that they name the Parthenon, all the sculptures you see on what is called the pediment refer to the birth of Athena, those on the rear pediment represent the contest for the land between Athena and Poseidon.

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40. Drawings by Jacques Carrey (?) of the east (above) and west (below) pediments of the Parthenon as they appeared in 1674.

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Birth of Athena  
Phrynos Painter, c. 560 BC  
(London B 424)





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## East pediment figures British Museum



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# Remains of the west pediment



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'Isis'  
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## East Frieze – Women Attendants



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Elders / Eponymous Heroes



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