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United States of America

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General information	
Title of the work	Pop! Disney Special Edition (Series, Vinyl Figure no. 593): Zeus
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Country/countries of popularity	worldwide
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Creators



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Funko LLC. (Company)

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Additional information

Summary

This figure is part of the "Disney Hercules" collection, which includes Hercules (no. 378), Meg (no. 379), Phil (no. 380), Hades (no. 381), Baby Hercules (no. 382), and Baby Pegasus (no. 383).

This is a "Funko Pop!" Figure of Zeus from the Disney movie *Hercules* (1997). The figure shows a smiling muscular Zeus, wearing a purple chiton, barefoot, holding a cloud Pegasus. The figure faces the viewers, holding Pegasus in its right hand and showing it using its left hand.

Analysis

This figure represents the character from the Disney movie and not the mythological deity per se. Hence, it appears as he does in the movie, with the familiar "Pop!" attributes (round head and round black eyes, big head). The creators of the figure chose to represent Zeus in one of the movie's pivotal moments, the creation of Pegasus. The cloud Pegasus hence is all white, his eyes closed as if he was just created by Zeus for his infant son. This was one of the sweetest scenes in the movie, hence, its appeal as merchandise. Zeus is presented with his sculptured hair and beard, as in the movie, and the lightning bolt on his chiton's broach. The king of the gods appears kind and loving and this figure captures the delicate moment in which he provides Hercules with his first true friend, Pegasus. This scene was sweet and calm, before the kidnapping of Hercules and his further challenges. Zeus' role in the movie was a minor one, yet he was guarding Hercules from afar (after Hercules found him) and the figure shows his caring side with the creation of Pegasus, a companion which would later assist and guide Hercules through his adventures.

Zeus appears very positive, mostly smiling and laughing. While the figure is not open-mouthed (most "Pop!" Figures do not have mouths at all or just simple lines to denote a mouth), Zeus' lower lip is curved under his beard so he appears smiling. Zeus's figure hence appears kind and the cloud Pegasus appears cute, as were their respective images in the film.

Classical, Mythological,

Hades Heracles Pegasus Zeus

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Traditional Motifs, Characters, and Concepts	
Other Motifs, Figures, and Concepts Relevant for Children and Youth Culture	Animals Family Magic Parents (and children)

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