

# THE GODDESSES OF THE SEASONS

The Horae were everyday goddesses recognized by the Greek and Roman Societies. They were typically beautiful young women attired in flowing robes, carrying a totem that represented their special interest. The earlier Horae that comprised the triads had been listed as the daughters of Zeus and Themis, but in this incarnation the goddesses of the seasons were given different parentage, being described instead as the daughters of the sun god Helios and the moon goddess Selene.

These are hand sculpted Italian marble from Verona, each weighing over 1000 pounds. The goddesses of the Seasons should not be confused with the goddess of agriculture, Polyhymnia or the Muses.



The Goddess of Winter- Kheimon

The Greeks recognized only 3 seasons but the Romans added winter. This goddess is either depicted empty handed or carrying withered fruits.



The Goddess of Spring- Eliar (Roman) or Thallo (Greek). Typically carries flowers.



The Goddess of Summer- Theros (Roman) or Auxo (Greek). Typically carries a scythe and cut grain.



The Goddess of Autumn. Phthimporon (Roman) or Carpo (Greek). Typically holds late harvest fruits such as grapes.