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## Mosaïque de Penthée

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**Commune de découverte :** Nîmes

**Lieu-dit :** «Avenue Jean Jaurès»

**Où le trouver ?**

Nîmes (30) - Musée de la romanité

30900 Nîmes

**Domaine :** Mosaic

**Période chronologique** Gallo-Roman [- 50 / 476] → Early Imperial [27 / 235]

**Dimensions**

### **Description :**

This **mosaic**, discovered during excavations carried out in Nîmes in 2007, adorned the floor of a sumptuous Roman house (domus). It was executed using the Roman technique of opus tessellatum. On a first layer of pebbles (statumen) is poured a layer of aggregate of lime, gravel and stone (rudus), then a mortar of lime and debris of terra cotta (nucleus). Finally, on a thin layer of mortar, the decoration made of tesserae of 3 to 5 mm on a side is laid and fixed with a milk of lime.

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