

# REPORTING ON THE DISCOVERY OF A 2,000- YEAR-OLD MOSAIC IN ROME

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*The Greek god Apollo. Photo courtesy:  
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I've spent most of today reporting on the discovery of a stunning mosaic beneath the Trajan baths on the southern slopes of Oppian Hill in Rome.

The wall mosaic, which extends for more than 32 feet, dates to the second half of the first century A.D. It shows the Greek god Apollo with a Muse and philosophers.

Since 1998, the so-called Tunnel of Wonders has revealed a unique fresco known as the "Painted City" and several stunning mosaics.

The archaeologists believe that the entire area was a Musaeum, a place which in antiquity was dedicated to the goddesses who inspire the creation of the arts. Here, by a nymphaeum, wealthy Romans gathered to discuss art, culture and music.

Here's my [Discovery News slideshow](#) on this unique finding.