

A LATE MINOAN III PROPYLON AT HAGHIA TRIADA

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ABSTRACT

A survey of the area around the *Stoà dell'Agorà* at Haghia Triada has identified an H-shaped *Propylon*. Built in LM IIIA against the northern wall of the Bastione, the structure was located at the entrance of the large *Piazza dell'Agorà*. The *Propylon* has no good comparison in Minoan architecture; instead it has many similarities with the *propylaia* known in the Mycenaean palatial sites of Mainland Greece. The presence of a *propylon* (the only one known up to now in Crete) confirms the importance of Haghia Triada in LM IIIA-B. Moreover, it enlarges our knowledge of the LM IIIA-B architecture and its relationship with the contemporary architecture of Mainland Greece.