

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Tower Table Clock

German, probably Augsburg

Date ca. 1580

Medium Gilt brass

Dimensions 9 3/4 x 7 1/8 x 7 1/8 in. (24.8 x 18.1 x 18.1 cm)

Credit Line Bequest of Winthrop Kellogg Edey, 1999

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Not On View

Commentary This ornamented double-domed clock is made of cast, pierced, and chased gilded brass. Four winged harpies support the clock and, in a simplified version, the double dome. Bare-breasted women supporting capitals decorate the corners of the case while the dials and panels are richly ornamented with foliate designs. The front panel incorporates the face of a man, probably representing the moon. The double dome is also richly decorated with pierced foliage. The finial (now missing) was likely a figure or a spire. Source: Vignon, Charlotte. *The Frick Collection Decorative Arts Handbook*. New York: The Frick Collection/Scala, 2015.