

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Jason Confronting the Dragon Guarding the Golden Fleece

Pierre Reymond (French, 1513–after 1584)

Date 1567–68

Medium Limoges; enamel on copper, parcel-gilt

Dimensions Diam.: 7 15/16 in. (20.2 cm); d.: 7/8 in. (2.2 cm)

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Currently On View

First Floor, Room 14, Enamels Room

Commentary The scenes on these dishes are taken from engravings by René Boyvin (ca. 1525–ca. 1625) after Léonard Thiry (ca. 1500–1550). The first dish shows Jason fighting the dragon, guarding the Golden Fleece, with a sword as the Argonauts watch. At the back, the arms of the Mesmes de Ravignon family impaled with the arms of the Dolu family are flanked by allegories of Air and Earth. The second dish depicts Jason confronting the Giants after sowing the teeth of Cadmus's dragon, one of the tasks he needed to complete to obtain the Golden Fleece. The coat of arms shown on the reverse belongs to the Comte d'Avaux and the Marquis de Roissi, titles acquired later by the Mesmes family. The rim of each dish is decorated with interlinked scrolls and chariots interspersed with satyrs and putti.

Collection History Robert Strauss; Cyril Humphries S.A., London, Cyril Humphries Collection sale, Sotheby's New York, January 11, 1995 (lot 147); Richard Feigen Gallery, New York, purchased by Alexis Gregory, 1995; Gift to The Frick Collection, 2021