

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Pendant Clock

Abraham Gribelin (French, 1589–1671)

Date ca. 1620

Medium Silver

Dimensions 3 1/4 × 1 7/8 × 1 1/8 in. (8.3 × 4.7 × 2.9 cm)

Credit Line Bequest of Winthrop Kellogg Edey, 1999

Accession Number 1999.6.19

Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 23, Clocks and Watches Room

Commentary The silver dial plate of this watch is finely engraved with a gilt-brass chapter ring, roman numerals at the hours, and fleur-de-lis-type marks on the half hours. The area outside the chapter ring has a floral and foliate design with figures playing musical instruments: for example, at five o'clock, a gentleman playing a flute, behind whom is a soldier with a pike; at seven o'clock, a gentle-man playing a drum followed by a soldier with a sword. The center of the dial illustrates an army encampment with a group of soldiers and a ruler wearing a laurel wreath; a figure in the back-ground is committing suicide with a sword. The identification of these scenes is unclear. The sides of the case are silver, delicately engraved and pierced to emit the sound of a bell. Source: Vignon, Charlotte. The Frick Collection Decorative Arts Handbook. New York: The Frick Collection/Scala, 2015.