The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Currently On View Second Floor, Room 32, Medals Room

King Henri IV and Queen Marie de' Medici (obverse); The Couple as Mars and Minerva (reverse)

Guillaume Dupré (French, ca. 1574-1642)

Date 1603

Medium Silver

Dimensions Diam.: 2 5/8 in. (6.69 cm)

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Commentary This medal commemorates the second birthday of the Dauphin of France, the future Louis XIII. The reverse composition and legend are based on a Roman coin of Plautilla, wife of Caracalla (ca. AD 202). The king was so pleased with Dupré's medal that he gave him a ten-year monopoly on the images to be replicated and sold as many times as he liked. Source: Scher, Stephen K., et al. The Scher Collection of Commemorative Medals. New York and London, 2019.