

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Gustavus II Adolphus, King of Sweden (b. 1594; r. 1611-32)

Sebastian Dadler (German, 1586-1657)

Date dated 1621, made 1641

Medium Silver, struck

Dimensions Diam.: 2 3/8 in. (6.02 cm)

Credit Line Dr. Stephen K. and Janie Woo Scher Collection

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Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 32, Medals Room

Commentary This medal commemorates the Siege of Riga (Latvia) in 1621, as the beginning of Gustavus Adolphus's campaign against Poland. The reverse inscription is a chronogram for the date. The initials on the reverse, H W, are those of Heinrich Wulff, who was mint master at Riga from 1625 to 1659. Hermann Maué states that the medal was produced in 1641 to commemorate the events of 1621. Source: Scher, Stephen K., et al. *The Scher Collection of Commemorative Medals*. New York and London, 2019.