

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Johann Friedrich I (1503-1554; Elector of Saxony 1532-47)

Hans Reinhart the Elder (German, 1510-1581)

Date dated 1535

Medium Silver, cast

Dimensions Diam.: 2 9/16 in. (6.58 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 Johann Friedrich was called the "Magnanimous" for his dignity and strength during trials that included imprisonment and being stripped of his title and territories by the forces of his enemy Maurice, Duke of Saxony. Johann Friedrich was a loyal supporter of Martin Luther and the Lutheran faith. The portrait is based on painted and woodcut portraits by Lucas Cranach the Elder. The medal has been described as possibly marking a birthday. Source: Scher, Stephen K., et al. *The Scher Collection of Commemorative Medals*. New York and London, 2019.