

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Giovanni II Bentivoglio (1443-1508)

Sperandio di Bartolommeo Savelli
(Italian, ca. 1425/1428-d. after 1504)

Date ca. 1485

Medium Copper alloy, cast

Dimensions Diam.: 3 3/4 in. (9.57 cm)

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Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 32, Medals Room

Commentary This medal (probably the last of Sperandio's three medals of the sitter) reflects the ambition of Bentivoglio, Lord of Bologna, to assert himself as the signore of Bologna and presents him as a powerful military leader during the period of his greatest authority. In November 1506, Bentivoglio was forced into exile. The reverse is a pastiche of Pisanello's medals of Gianfrancesco Gonzaga and Filippo Maria Visconti. Source: Scher, Stephen K., et al. *The Scher Collection of Commemorative Medals*. New York and London, 2019.