The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Gianello della Torre (1500–1585) Jacopo da Trezzo (Jacopo Nizzola) (Italian, 1519–1589) Date ca. 1550 Medium Copper alloy, cast Dimensions Diam.: 3 1/8 in. (7.97 cm) Credit Line Dr. Stephen K. and Janie Woo Scher Collection Accession Number SCHER.2014.15.194 Currently On View Second Floor, Room 32, Medals Room

Commentary Gianello della Torre was a noted engineer and architect in the service of emperors Charles V and Philip II. The reverse of the medal shows the Fountain of Knowledge from which several men drink. The medal is of excellent artistic quality and must be the product of one of the great Milanese medalists of the mid-sixteenth century. The medal is generally dated to about 1550, when both Leone Leoni and Jacopo da Trezzo were in Milan. Based on stylistic grounds, however, the author of the medal is most likely Trezzo. Source: Scher, Stephen K., et al. The Scher Collection of Commemorative Medals. New York and London, 2019.