

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Queen Christina of Sweden (1626–1689, r. 1632–54)

Giovanni Battista Guglielmada (Italian, act. 1665–1688; d. 1689)

Date ca. 1680

Medium Copper alloy, struck

Dimensions Diam.: 2 7/16 in. (6.14 cm)

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Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 32, Medals Room

Commentary A highly educated and cultured monarch, Queen Christina of Sweden was an extraordinary patron of the arts. She commissioned a series of medals that would compose an *Histoire métallique* to rival that of Louis XIV of France. The first medals were cast by Massimiliano Soldani-Benzi in 1680, and the work was later continued by Guglielmada, Giovanni Hamerani, and other medalists. This medal belongs to the so-called *Gloria Deo* series, as identified by the initials on the reverse. Source: Scher, Stephen K., et al. *The Scher Collection of Commemorative Medals*. New York and London, 2019.