

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester (1532/33–1588)

Unknown artist

Date dated 1587

Medium Silver, cast

Dimensions Diam.: 1 13/16 in. (4.67 cm)

Credit Line Gift of Stephen K. and Janie Woo Scher, 2016

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Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 32, Medals Room

Commentary The Earl of Leicester, a favorite of Elizabeth I of England and infamously arrogant, was recalled from his post as governor of the United Provinces for behaving poorly, enacting policies that ran contrary to the instructions of the queen, and arousing suspicion and frustration in the Dutch, who complained to Elizabeth of his conduct. Leicester, embittered, produced this medal, which he distributed among his friends; it is unclear whether it was made in the Low Countries or in England, following his return. Source: Scher, Stephen K., et al. *The Scher Collection of Commemorative Medals*. New York and London, 2019.