

# The Frick Collection: Detail Report

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Elisabeth, Duchess of Braunschweig-Calenberg  
(1510–1558)

Unknown German artist (German)

**Date** dated 1544

**Medium** Gilt silver alloy, cast

**Dimensions** Diam.: 1 5/8 in. (4.13 cm)

**Credit Line** Dr. Stephen K. and Janie Woo Scher Collection

**Accession Number** SCHER.2014.15.646

Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 32, Medals Room

**Commentary** Elisabeth, daughter of the Elector of Brandenburg Joachim I and wife of Duke Erich the Elder, was widowed in 1540, at which point she ruled as guardian of her twelve-year-old son Erich and introduced Protestant reform to her territories. This medal is paired with one depicting her late husband. In 1545, a version of Elisabeth's medal was struck and bears that date, which may commemorate the year her son assumed power. Source: Scher, Stephen K., et al. *The Scher Collection of Commemorative Medals*. New York and London, 2019.