

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Plate (tondino)

French, Nevers

Date ca. 1640

Medium Faience (tin-glazed earthenware)

Dimensions Diam.: 11 3/8 in. (28.9 cm).; h.: 2 1/2 in. (6.4 cm)

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Currently On View

First Floor, Room 14, Enamels Room

Commentary The allegory of a river, with a naked woman leaning on an amphora from which water is flowing, and sitting opposite her, a naked man, possibly representing Earth, decorates the center of this plate. The scene is surrounded by colorful satyrs, winged figures, horses, and trophies, all painted on a white ground. Although the decoration of this plate derives from maiolica made in Urbino about 1560–80, it is treated here in the paler palette characteristic of French potters.