

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Parade Clock

Johann Heinrich Köhler (German, 1669–1736)

Date ca. 1700–10

Medium Case: gilt bronze, cameos, emeralds, diamonds, rubies, heliotrope, and marble

Dimensions 9 1/2 × 6 3/16 × 3 3/4 in. (24.1 × 15.7 × 9.5 cm)

Credit Line Gift of Alexis Gregory, 2021

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Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 23, Clocks and Watches Room

Commentary This clock is decorated with twenty-six cameos and several gemstones. The outer edge of the dial is encrusted with diamonds and rubies. The cameos depict classical female and male figures and several heads of putti. A bust placed on a gilt-brass socle serves as the finial for the gilt-bronze case, which is also engraved with several motifs: a putto, portrait medallions, rinceaux, acanthus leaves, and architectural elements. The ornamental details with gemstones and cameos are similar to those of the Triumphal Arch with Two Obelisks (now in the Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden) made by Köhler before 1705.

Collection History Mayer Carl von Rothschild (1820--1886), Frankfurt, by descent to his line; Galerie Neuse, Bremen; purchased by Alexis Gregory, 2000; Gift to The Frick Collection, 2021