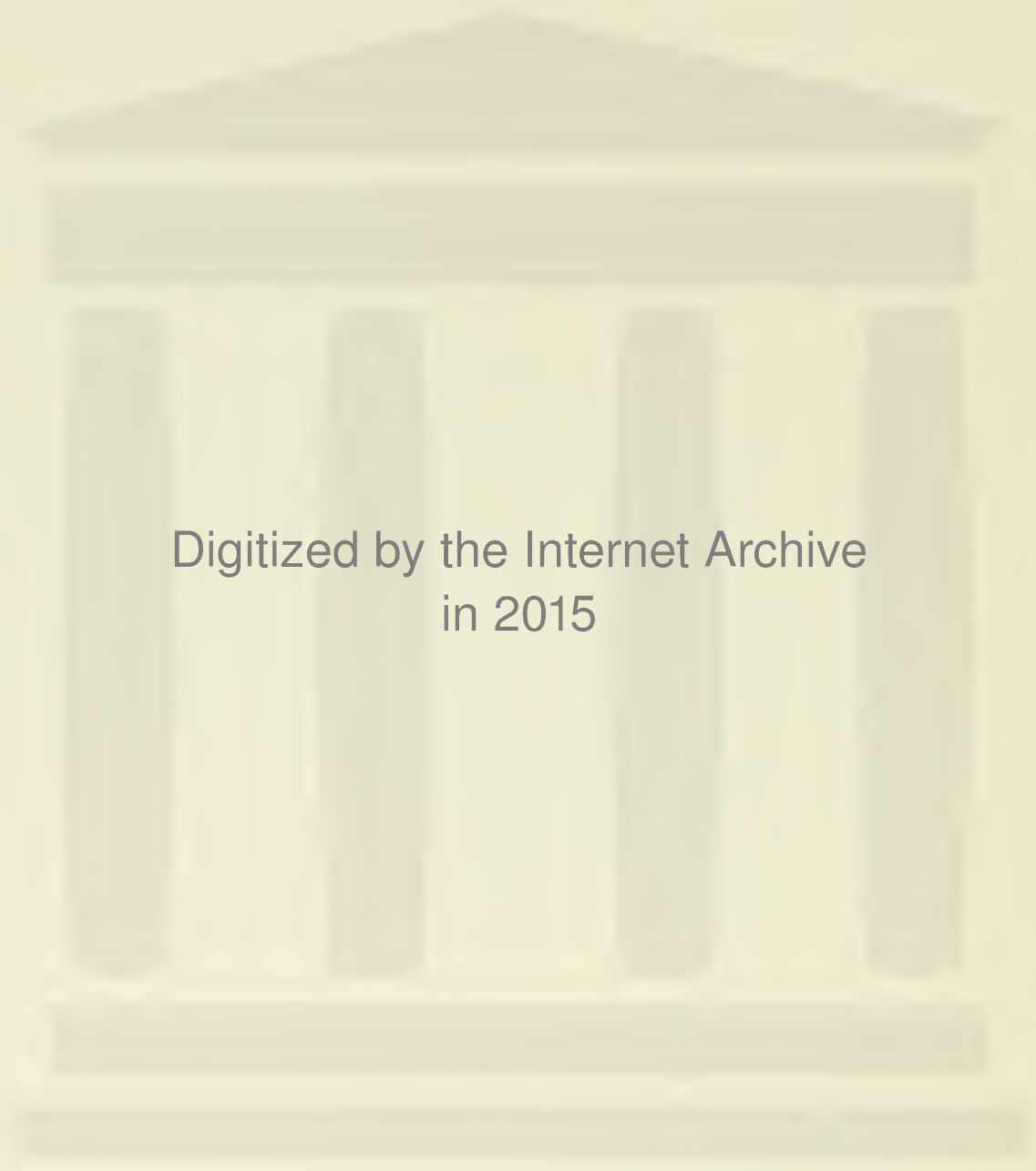


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PREFACE

Few artifacts of any age have come down to us charged with the meaning of so many facets of their time as the Renaissance medal. Though relatively diminutive in size, they embody to an exceptional degree that fusion of art and thought which is one of the chief glories of the Renaissance. Indeed, in their beauty and their learning, these medals are a reflection in microcosm of the civilization which produced them. They represent a world which celebrated not only princes and prelates but poets and scholars as well, and they have been preserved down through the years by those who have cherished them as enduring expressions of the Humanistic tradition.

☞ The present collection, one of the finest of its kind in private hands, belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Salton of New York. The Salton Collection is particularly distinguished for the extremely high level of quality of the specimens in it; many of them, indeed, have come from the illustrious collections of the past. No fewer than seventeen examples are unique. While the origins of the Salton Collection date from before World War II, most of the pieces it now contains were collected since that time. Mrs. Salton has taken as great an interest as her husband in the formation of the collection, and her enthusiasm for, and knowledge of, medals is evident in her Introduction to the Catalogue.

☞ The collection contains masterworks by the most important medallists of the Italian Renaissance, beginning in the Quattrocento with the founder and greatest exemplar of the art, Pisanello. He is represented by four medals, including his portrait of *Filippo Maria Visconti*, Duke of Milan (no. 1) and two of *Lionello d'Este*, Lord of Ferrara, one of which (no. 4) has as its reverse the celebrated study of Amor teaching a lion to sing. [A superb specimen of the portrait of *Pisanello* (no. 6) by Marescotti is also included.] Matteo de' Pasti has portrayed yet another Renaissance Prince, *Sigismondo Malatesta*, Lord of Rimini (nos. 10-13). These medals, because of their acutely perceptive characterization of personality and the ineluctable appropriateness of their design, convey a sense of the Renaissance Prince unsurpassed by any other record.

☞ Also present is a piece by Goethe's favorite Italian medallist, Sperandio, of *Fra Cesario Contughi* (no. 17). A portrait of an ancient Roman, the *Emperor Caracalla*, may be seen on a work (no. 18) usually attributed to the Venetian medallist, Boldù. Among the five medals in the collection ascribed to Spinelli are exceptional specimens of his portraits of *Vecchiotti* and *Savonarola* (nos. 33 and 34). A most revealing portrait of *Mary of Burgundy* is on the reverse of a medal (no. 27) by Candida. Two medals, whose creators are unknown, are of extraordinary quality—a small rectangular bronze of an *Unknown Boy* (no. 8), possibly by a Ferrarese artist, and a very large one portraying the Florentine poet *Tito Vespasiano Strozzi* (no. 29), probably by a Florentine. Represented among the medallists of the Italian Cinquecento are Leoni, da Trezzo, Belli, and Cesati, the last of whom was greatly admired by Michelangelo.

☞ The Salton Collection is particularly rich in the productions of the master craftsmen of the German Renaissance, including Christoph Weiditz, Friedrich Hagenauer, Joachim Deschler, and Valentin Maler, all of whom are famous for their intensely realistic portraits. Another member of this school was Hans Reinhart the Elder, who is best known for the strikingly three-dimensional effects of his silver medals.

☞ Happily, in addition to medals of the Renaissance, this collection also contains a quantity of examples from the Baroque, a much less known period of medallic art. As a result, we are not deprived of the pleasure of such brilliantly executed portraits in gold as that of *Charles Eman-*

uel I, Duke of Savoy (no. 43) by Gaspare Mola and *Pope Innocent XII* (no. 51) by Giovanni Hamerani. In addition, we can enjoy the French medals of Guillaume Dupré, including his remarkable work (no. 82), the obverse of which is a superb portrait of *Marcantonio Memmo*, Doge of Venice, and the reverse, an almost equally fine likeness of *Maffeo Cardinal Barberini*, later Pope Urban VIII. In Germany, among the great medallists of the period is Sebastian Dadler, First Goldsmith to the Imperial Court; in Holland, O. Wouter Muller, whose unforgettable portrait of *Admiral Tromp* is only half of a silver repoussé medal (no. 145), the other side of which is an elaborately pictorial naval engagement; and in England, Bernard Rantwic, whose likeness of *Sir Richard Shelley* (no. 151) holds an honored place among medallic portraits. Thirty-two plaquettes constitute a brilliant section of the Salton Collection. There is a *Pietà* (no. 156) formerly attributed to Agostino di Duccio, more recently to Bertoldo di Giovanni. L'Antico is represented by his portrait bust of the *Empress Faustina* (no. 157), and Riccio, by his *Judith with the Head of Holofernes* (no. 158) after Mantegna. Also particularly outstanding is the *Entombment* (no. 166) which apparently is published here for the first time. One of the most striking of the German plaquettes is another *Entombment* (no. 184), which is based on Dürer's composition of the same subject in his "Kleine Passion" series of engravings. The last of the plaquettes, a *St. Peter* (no. 187) by an unidentified Spanish artist probably working about the turn of the seventeenth century, is encased in wood and has a gilded scrollwork frame, illustrating the manner in which plaquettes frequently were adorned in earlier times. Finally, special mention must be made of four extraordinary pieces which do not, strictly speaking, fall into the category either of medals or of plaquettes. Two are portraits in stone—one of a nobleman, possibly *Cosimo de' Medici* (no. 36), mounted as a bijou, and tentatively attributed to Benvenuto Cellini or his school; and the other, of *Hieronymus Allgaeuer* (no. 109), by an unknown South German master, dated 1556. The third is a painted wax portrait of superb quality of an unidentified sixteenth-century *Nürnberg Patrician* (no. 100) mounted in an elaborately decorated fire-gilded bronze case of the same period. The last is a gold bolla (no. 169), probably unique (the British Museum's vast collection of seals contains only a sulphur cast), of *Andrea Gritti*, Doge of Venice, 1523-38. Several people have played an indispensable role in the production of this catalogue. My secretary, Mrs. Kathryn S. Rumsey, performed the extremely difficult task of typing the intricate catalogue entries with a vigilant eye for inconsistency and error. John McKee made the unusually sensitive photographs of the originals. For the superb design of the catalogue, we are profoundly indebted to Leonard Baskin. Our deepest thanks must, however, be reserved for the Saltons themselves for their vast knowledge of medallic art as manifested in the catalogue and for their great generosity in making their magnificent collection available to the public for the first time.

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INTRODUCTION

The aim of this introduction is to sketch in very broad outlines the development of the medal and the plaquette. The serious student who wishes to explore the field more profoundly will find that a very extensive body of specialized literature exists on the subject. ☛ Antonio Pisano (c. 1395-1455, ac. as a medallist 1438-49) called Pisanello, a Veronese of Pisan origin and one of the most celebrated painters of his time, was to add further luster to his immortality when, in 1438, he produced the first Renaissance medal. The first person to be portrayed was the Byzantine Emperor John VIII Palaeologus (born 1390, Emperor 1425-48) who had come to Ferrara to attend the council for the reconciliation of the Eastern and Western Churches and to appeal for support against the Turks. ☛ The medal was one of the arts which flourished during the Italian Renaissance because of the rebirth in Italy of interest in classical art—in this case, in ancient coins. The ancients, in addition to their coinage which served both as a medium of exchange and as a vehicle for propaganda, had, on occasions, struck very large but coin-like commemorative pieces, commonly called medallions. These, although official issues of the mints, were not primarily intended as money, but rather as rewards, gifts of grace or tribute, which were sometimes worn as decorations. Among the early Greek examples are the Athenian silver medallions (*dekadrachms*) struck in commemoration of the victory at Marathon (490 B.C.) and the Demareteion medallions coined 480/479 B.C. by the Syracusans from the proceeds of the gold in a wreath presented by the defeated Carthaginians to Queen Demarete, wife of the Syracusan tyrant Gelon, when she obtained more favorable peace terms for them. ☛ During the period of the Roman Empire the practice of issuing medallions was continued and developed extensively. The imperial portrait medallions, first coined during the reign of Octavianus Augustus (31 B.C.-A.D. 14) and thereafter by many of his successors, portray exclusively the Emperor or members of his family. By the middle of the fourth century still another type of medallion made its appearance, the *contorniate*. Unlike the Greek and the Roman imperial medallions, the *contorniates* had no connection with the coinage. They were large copper pieces with raised borders, probably struck on the occasion of public games and exhibitions for presentation or sale to the spectators. On them we find represented victorious athletes and charioteers, mythological subjects, earlier emperors, and famous writers and poets such as Horace, Sallust, Apuleius, Terence, and others. The Roman portrait medallions and *contorniates*, glorifying some of the great men of antiquity, no doubt played a significant role in the development of the Renaissance medal, and it is probable that they were instrumental in inspiring Pisanello to depict in a similar fashion the men and women of his own time. Drawings by Pisanello after Roman pieces, made during his first stay in Rome while working in the Lateran (before he created his first medal), have been preserved (Louvre), attesting to his interest in those ancient works. ☛ During the late Middle Ages there were a few isolated attempts at the revival of medallic portrayal. In Padua, a university city which throughout the Middle Ages had been dedicated to the tradition of classical learning, several medals were struck from engraved dies cut by an unidentified artist about 1390, commemorating the recovery of that city from Milanese hands. The portraits representing Francesco Carrara and his son, both Lords of Padua, are modelled after those on Roman imperial bronze coins, *sestertii*. From the same period, there exist other medal-like struck examples, products of a Venetian family of die-engravers, the Sesti.

These pieces, perhaps to an even greater extent than the Carrara medals, imitate ancient coins. Also of pre-Renaissance origin are a series of cast and chased medals (perhaps all or most of them made in two hollow shells subsequently joined together) depicting Roman and Byzantine emperors as well as other persons important in the early history of Christianity. These medals are believed to have been made in the late fourteenth century by Flemish-Burgundian goldsmiths and, together with a lead impression of the forementioned medal of the elder Carrara, were contained in the inventories of the collections of the great connoisseur, Jean, Duc de Berry (1340-1416). Old copies of only two medals from this series of mediaeval medallions have survived, portraying the Emperors Constantine the Great (c. 288-337) and Heraclius (c. 575-641). The style of both pieces reflects Flemish-Burgundian art at the end of the Middle Ages. The medal proper, as conceived by Pisanello and as we know it now, was a creation of the Italian Renaissance. The general spirit of the age, with its humanistic aspirations and its stress on individualism, must have been very favorable to the development of the portrait medal, which was to reach an extremely high degree of popularity. The early patrons of the Renaissance medal were chiefly the numerous art-loving princes of northern Italy, the various smaller and larger tyrants, and the ambitious condottieri, all of whom saw in it another means for their own glorification. Pisanello's example was followed almost immediately by other artists; the history of the medal in modern times had begun. Soon persons from all classes of society—crowned heads, renowned statesmen, poets, artists, scholars, prosperous merchants, beautiful ladies, etc.—shared in the desire to see their features reproduced in "bronze eternal" and thus be immortalized. But it was not vanity alone which caused medals to be made; perhaps more important, medals were meant to be, and were treasured as, objects of art, offering enchantment to the eye and stimulus to the mind. As such they soon became objects of great interest to the collector. The Estes of Ferrara, besides having members of their own family portrayed on medals, arranged for the exchange of those bronze marvels with other reigning houses, and on occasions even ordered from their medallists portraits of some of their devoted servants. Many other notables of that era: the Gonzagas of Mantua; the Sforzas of Milan; Alfonso, King of Naples; Pope Julius II; and the Medicis of Florence (who outshone them all) formed extensive cabinets of medals, some of which are preserved in museums today. But collecting was not confined to Italy: Jean, Duc de Berry in France; Konrad Peutinger (1465-1547) and his wife Margareta (Welser) in Germany; Erasmus in The Netherlands; to cite but a few illustrious examples, took pride and pleasure in assembling collections of medals and plaquettes. As tokens of friendship and respect medals were presented to members of one's family or to friends; they were placed on tables, into vitrines, or pierced and suspended from a chain on the wall; medals were employed as ornaments on objects such as boxes and book covers and, notably in Germany, on tankards and other similar vessels. One of the best surviving examples is a splendid golden chalice Melchior Pfinzing had made in 1536; into its cover are set four medals representing Melchior himself as well as his three brothers, Sigmund, Seifridt, and Martin (Germanisches National-Museum, Nürnberg). As historic documents, medals were buried in the foundations of buildings, as is evidenced by examples found in the walls of the Rocca Malatestiana at Rimini, the Palazzo Strozzi, the Palazzo di Venezia, and others. It also was fashionable on festive occasions to wear medals of suitable size as personal adornment; during the second part of the sixteenth century they sometimes had loops or chains at-

tached, were hung with pearls or embellished with fine enamelled scrollwork. Three such "Bijoux" or "Gnadenpfennige" are in the present collection (nos. 36, 112, and 114). A number of paintings prominently record the luster medals lent to male and female attire. Lucas Cranach the Elder in 1533 executed the portrait of a Saxonian gentleman wearing a double necklace from which is suspended a medal of John Frederick the Magnanimous (1503-54, Elector of Saxony 1532-47) (formerly in the Wallraf-Richartz Museum, Cologne). In 1569, Ludger Tom Ring the Younger portrayed Gese Reiners of Brunswick, adorned by a necklace hung with a medal (Herzog-Anton-Ulrich Museum, Brunswick). ☞ As a rule, the obverse of a medal shows the portrait, together with an inscription giving the name and title of the person represented, while the reverse usually bears an allegorical, historical, or (especially on German medals) heraldic design. A great many Italian artists were inspired by, and often freely borrowed their reverse motifs from, such classical works of art as the ancient group of the *Three Graces* now in the library of the Cathedral of Siena, or a group of horses from Athenion's (ac. c. 197-159 B.C.) gem of *Jupiter* thundering against the giants (Naples Museum). ☞ A very popular reverse design on Italian Quattrocento medals was a personal device, the so-called *impresa*, an innovation of Pisanello. The *impresa*, usually with a legend, was chosen for its symbolic meaning, often obscure, alluding to the sitter's life, station, or accomplishments. It soon developed into a personal emblem of a sort, and numerous rules were formulated by learned men as to what constituted a suitable *impresa*; it had to be mysterious, while at the same time revealing to those who knew enough about the sitter. The humanist Angelo Poliziano (1454-94) reportedly complained that every bumpkin bothered him with requests for a secret device comprehensible only to his loved one, inscrutable to all others. The best known inventor of such riddles was Paolo Giovio (1493-1552) of Como, a historian of considerable erudition whose *Dialogue of Warlike and Amorous Devices*, first published in 1555, went into several editions within a few years. ☞ The early Italian medals were invariably cast from wax models, a technique which, unlike the striking process employed for coins, did not impose limits on the size of the medal or the height of its relief. The kinds of waxes and other molding materials used differed according to artist and period. ☞ The early method was as follows: a flat disk, usually of black slate, but sometimes of wood, bone, or glass, formed the base. On this the wax model was built up or carved out of a mass of wax. The latter method was probably employed by Pisanello. The two sides were modelled either on separate disks or on a single one. The finished model was then impressed into fine clay or into a paste made out of fine ashes, salt, and water. After the mold had been allowed to dry, the two halves were removed from the model, joined together, and the molten metal poured in. Additional specimens were made by forming a new mold over the first metal casting, as the wax model could seldom be used more than once; this was repeated as often as desired. The resulting second-generation casts in turn could serve for the preparation of new molds for still further specimens, and so on. However, due to the shrinkage of most metals in cooling, each successive cast became smaller. Sharpness of detail also would gradually deteriorate, and thus there is a marked difference in quality between an early and a late casting. The "lost wax" process also was used, though probably not by the early medallists. In this method the complete wax model was embedded in heat-resistant molding material; then, by heating the mold, the wax was melted out and the vacant space filled with molten metal. ☞ When the mold was removed, it was usually necessary to chase the sur-

face of the medal in order to remove casting imperfections such as air bubbles, edge ridges, and the like. If chasing was done to an excessive degree, or by less qualified hands than the artist's, or if "improvements" were attempted to the point of re-engraving, then the result was often such as to destroy the quality of the original design. ☞ A metal often used for the first casting, the "trial proof," was lead, owing to the ease with which it could be melted. The artist usually kept this first proof for future use and to demonstrate his skill to prospective clients. For subsequent casts, the medallists of the Quattrocento preferred bronze or related alloys. From the Cinquecento onward gold and silver were also used. ☞ The reddish color which bronze acquires when cast was considered too raw in appearance. The artist would, therefore, treat the finished cast with a lacquer or varnish to give it what is usually called "patina." The recipes for producing a patina were legion, producing tones ranging from light to deep brown, from brownish-yellow to green, and occasionally near-black. Sometimes medals were gilded or silvered; but unlike a patina to which age can only add beauty, such gold and silver coverings sometimes wore off. ☞ In Italy, medallic art reached its zenith during the Quattrocento, chiefly in Ferrara, Mantua, Venice, Florence, and Rome. To the medallists of that century we owe the finest portrait medals the Renaissance produced. ☞ Pisanello's influence was enormous. He was not only the founder of medallic art but also its greatest master. It is remarkable that even his first creation is a masterpiece. From 1438 to 1449 he produced a body of work which has never been surpassed in grandeur of conception and power of composition. There exists a portrait of Pisanello on a medal, formerly believed to be a self-portrait, but which now is ascribed to Antonio Marscotti (ac. 1444-62) of Ferrara (no. 6). ☞ Matteo de' Pasti (ac. 1441-67/68) was an immediate follower of Pisanello, perhaps even a pupil of the master. A native of Verona, he accompanied Pisanello to the court of Sigismondo Pandolfo Malatesta (1417-68) at Rimini. There de' Pasti made a number of medals of the tyrant of Rimini and of Isotta degli Atti, a woman of great intellect and personal charm who became Sigismondo's fourth wife. ☞ Sperandio (c. 1425-1504) of Mantua was among the most productive artists of the Quattrocento. For nearly forty years he enjoyed great popularity throughout northern Italy. His vigorous style must have pleased many patrons, judging by the number who sat for him. ☞ At Venice during the second half of the Quattrocento, one of the foremost medallists was Giovanni di Pasqualino Boldù (ac. 1454-c. 1475), whose works reveal a particularly strong affinity for antiquity. ☞ The name of Niccolò di Forzore Spinelli, called Niccolò Fiorentino (1430-1514), epitomizes Florentine medallic art at its height. No fewer than 150 medals have been attributed to him, of which five bear his signature. ☞ Toward the end of the Quattrocento there was a change in medallic style, as a result of the technical achievements of Gianfrancesco Enzola (ac. 1456-78) and Francesco Francia (1450/3-1517), who experimented with medals struck from engraved dies—a process similar to that of striking coins, though artistically more allied to engraving precious stones. Medallic art, formerly so intimately associated with sculpture and even painting, did not benefit from this more mechanical process. Fortunately, the best artists continued to favor casting, which continued into the Cinquecento, and indeed is still occasionally used. ☞ Foremost among the medallists of the Cinquecento was Benvenuto Cellini (1500-71). He is known to have engraved in hard materials, and the honestone portrait (no. 36) in an enamelled frame shows the perfection to which portrait cutting in stone and the art of the goldsmith could be carried. ☞ Cellini,

together with the Milanese medallist Cristoforo Caradosso Foppa (ac. c. 1475-1526/7) who in 1505 settled in Rome, did much to improve the process of striking medals. ☞ In Milan during the Cinquecento, Leone Leoni (1509-90), whose life was as turbulent as that of his rival Cellini, was one of the most important medallists. Another Milanese, Jacopo Nizzola da Trezzo (1515/20-89), worked in a style which much resembled Leoni's. The medal of Gianello della Torre (no. 67), for example, has variously been attributed to Leoni and da Trezzo. Leoni appears to have fought violently with Gianello, calling him an ox in human shape; yet he may have authored the medal. ☞ Quite a number of Cinquecento medallists, like Valerio Belli (1468-1546), Giovanni Bernardi da Castelbolognese (1496-1553), and Alessandro Cesati, called Il Grechetto (ac. 1538-64), also practised gem engraving, and their style sometimes betrays a hand more accustomed to working in hard materials. Cesati has been credited with some important advances in die-sinking, and Michelangelo expressed a high opinion of Cesati's work. ☞ A very special branch of medallic art developed when the wax model, hitherto just a means for producing the medal, itself became the final work of art. Pastorino de' Pastorini (1508-92), Antonio Abondio (1538-91) as well as his son Alessandro (ac. 1595-1640) were among the major creators in this medium and produced some wax portraits which can hold their own with the best miniatures of that period. Some of these waxes are polychromed, and in their style they demonstrate a trend in sixteenth-century art toward more elaborate detail. ☞ During the seventeenth century and beyond, the art of making medals in Italy remained rather stationary. However, some artists of distinction still flourished. Among these were Gaspare Mola (c. 1580-c. 1640), who worked for the Savoy and Medici families (no. 43); the Hameranis, who were Papal medallists for almost two hundred years; as well as the Travanis, Girolamo Lucenti (ac. c. 1668-90), and a number of others. ☞ In France, medallic art goes back to the close of the Middle Ages, and includes that group of medals, already cited, made by Flemish-Burgundian goldsmiths in the late fourteenth century. Between 1451 and 1460 another series of medals commemorating historic events was produced; most of these had long chronogrammic inscriptions, commemorating the expulsion of the English from France at the end of the Hundred Years' War. But these pieces were entirely the work of coin engravers and were struck from dies, based on designs borrowed from contemporary coins. ☞ During the reign of Charles VIII (born 1470, King 1483-98), the French portrait medal proper came into being. From that period date pieces presented by cities to the kings and queens of France on the occasions of their royal visits. A noteworthy example is a golden lion, holding a cup containing 100 gold medals, presented to Anne of Brittany (born 1477, Queen 1491-1514) in March, 1494, upon her state entry into the city of Lyon accompanied by her husband, Charles VIII, who was on his way to the Italian campaign. Another example of such homage medals is the one offered to Anne at a later visit to Lyon, in March, 1500, this time accompanied by her second husband, Louis XII (born 1462, King 1498-1515) (no. 78). ☞ While the style of the earlier medals had been that of the late Middle Ages, by this time Italian medallists, notably Niccolò di Forzore Spinelli and Giovanni Candida (c. 1450-c.1495), were employed at the Burgundian Court of Charles the Bold, where they introduced the style of the Italian Renaissance. ☞ Francis I (born 1494, King 1515-47), the first Renaissance man on the French throne, had a great passion for Italian art and attracted to his court many of its artists, among them Benvenuto Cellini, as well as such lesser known artists as Matteo dal Nassaro (ac. c. 1515-c. 1547) and Benedetto Ramelli (ac. c. 1530-

37). Henry II (born 1519, King 1547-59), on the other hand, patronized native-born engravers; it was during his reign that the Monnaie du Moulin opened and the French die-cutter Etienne de Laune was appointed (1552) to it. ☞ The most remarkable series of French medals of the second half of the sixteenth century are the Valois medallions; their author was the sculptor Germain Pilon (c. 1535-90), who in 1572 became Controller-General of the French mint. These large cast medallions, some of which measure as much as 171 mm. in diameter, made between 1573 and 1577, chiefly depict royalty such as Henry II, Catherine de Medici, Charles IX, Elizabeth of Austria, Henry III (No. 80), etc. ☞ In the first half of the seventeenth century France ranked first in medallic art. The greatest medallist of the period was Guillaume Dupré (c. 1576-1643). The sixty or more medals executed by him display an elegant style and superb technical skill. Although nearly all his medals were cast, their surface texture is so fine that it is easy to mistake them for struck pieces. A number of other French medallists added luster to the seventeenth century, among whom were Jean Warin (c. 1604-72) and Claude Warin (ac. c. 1630-54). The former probably was second only to Dupré. To Claude have been attributed some charming portraits of English subjects from the period of Charles I (born 1600, King 1625-49). After the seventeenth century French medallic art declined before it reached some prominence again during the Empire in the early nineteenth century. ☞ In Germany the development of medallic art started with Hans Schwarz (ac. 1516-c. 1532). The two most prominent centers were Nürnberg, the home of goldsmithry, and Augsburg, where metal casting was prevalent. Leipzig also deserves mention. ☞ As Florence had its Lorenzo de' Medici (1449-92), so did the Germanic lands have an art-loving Emperor, Maximilian I (born 1459, Emperor 1493-1519), whose patronage of die-engravers and bronze casters, even while a young archduke, greatly contributed to furthering this branch of the fine arts. As early as 1477, Maximilian had himself portrayed on a medal by Giovanni Candida (no. 27), together with his young bride, the beautiful Mary of Burgundy. ☞ While wax served as the material for the models of Italian medals, the models for the early German medals were carved in boxwood, honestone, or slate; alabaster and mother-of-pearl were also occasionally used. From these wood and stone models, through the intermediary of a negative mold, the medals were cast, and then in many cases subsequently chased by the artists, who brought to them all the meticulousness of detail so much admired in German Renaissance medals. While Italian artists frequently signed their medals (during the early period their name often preceded by the proud OPVS), German medallists usually left their works unsigned or simply used initials. The models were cut either directly from life—as some scholars believe the inscription “*imago ad vivam effigiem expressa*” on a medal of Erasmus indicates—or, as was more usual, after portrait sketches. The Augsburg medallist Hans Schwarz appears to have worked mainly from sketches, 136 of which have been preserved. ☞ The boxwood model was used chiefly in Augsburg, Ulm, and the Allgäu; its masters were Hans Schwarz, Martin Schaffner (ac. c. 1522-30), Christoph Weiditz (ac. 1523-c. 1541), Friedrich Hagenauer (ac. 1525-c. 1544), Hans Kels (ac. 1527-c. 1554), and his younger brother Veit Kels (ac. 1536). Their work encompasses the period of the boxwood model. In Nürnberg the stone model was predominant due chiefly to the work of Matthes Gebel (ac. c. 1526-c. 1555) and Joachim Deschler (ac. 1540-c. 1569). ☞ The extent to which Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528) played a part in the history of the German medal has long

been a subject of controversy. There is, however, general agreement and, in one case at least, also documentary evidence that several medals and plaquettes, even if not executed by his own hand, certainly were made after his designs (see, for example, no. 184). ¶ After the middle of the sixteenth century, wax replaced stone and wood as modelling material. This technique was introduced into Germany chiefly by Antonio Abondio, an Italian artist from Lombardy, who came into the employ of the Hapsburgs. ¶ Much of the merit of the German Renaissance medal is to be found in its perfect technical execution. Some of the early productions are marvels of delicacy and minuteness, with their life-like portraits and skillfully designed heraldic reverses. The portrait, to which the Italian medallist lent refinement and ideality, was modelled more realistically by his German counterpart whose style did not conceal the sitter's possible lack of dignified appearance. Faithfulness to reality was his goal, and he succeeded to an unprecedented degree. Thus we sometimes can see, and be amused by, the unflattering pictorial record of many a petty ruler, city councilman, church sexton, or butter dealer, who considered himself a suitable subject for portrayal on a medal (see, for example, no. 90). There probably is no other medallic school which has left us such accurate likenesses. ¶ After the great age of the German medal had lasted for about half a century—taking the Augsburg Diet of 1518 with its first medals by Hans Schwarz as the starting point—it began to decline. Gradually the cast medal was eclipsed by the hammer-struck medal. Portraiture no longer was fired by the same vitality and individuality so typical of earlier medals. At about the middle of the sixteenth century a development in technique took place which was to have a profound impact on medallic art: the invention of the mechanical coin press at Augsburg. It presented the art of the medal with new potentialities, permitting a considerable increase in production. ¶ Highly esteemed during the seventeenth century were die-cutters such as Sebastian Dadler (ac. 1619-54), Johann Hoehn (c. 1637-93), Philipp Heinrich Mueller (1654-1719), and a number of others, some of whom were also influenced by the simultaneously developing Dutch school. In the almost microscopic detail of their medals unfold historic events—battles, peace treaties, coronations, and weddings. The sumptuous taste of the Baroque is expressed in their elaborate and ornamental designs. ¶ At the beginning of the sixteenth century several medallists of note made their appearance in the Low Countries. These include Quentin Metsys (c. 1466-1530), the blacksmith turned painter and medallist, maker of a magnificent portrait medal of Erasmus; Jean Second (1511-36), who modelled in stone, wood, or wax with equal skill; and Michael Mercator (c. 1490-1544) of Venlo. The latter was in the service of Floris of Egmont, Count of Buren, in the dual capacity of artist and diplomat. In 1527 Mercator was at work in England, where he portrayed Henry VIII. ¶ There were other medallists like Jacob Jonghelinck (1531-1606) of Antwerp, probably one of the best known representatives of the school, who also met with great success as a sculptor, seal-engraver, and goldsmith. Also prominent was the medallist Conrad Bloc (ac. 1575-1602), who was active in The Netherlands as well as in France and Germany. ¶ Yet with few exceptions the medallists working in the Low Countries during the sixteenth century were hesitant to assert themselves in an independent native style; their works usually show strong foreign influence. In the case of Jonghelinck, it is the Milanese, in the case of Mercator and Bloc, the German schools. A well-defined Dutch medallic school did not emerge until the seventeenth century. Its chief masters were Pieter van Abeele (ac. 1622-77), Jan Filius Lutma (c. 1605-85), and O. Wouter Muller (ac. 1653-88), all

skilled in the characteristically Dutch repoussé medal. In this process the obverse and reverse of the medal were separately formed by being hammered or pressed into relief, and then the two shells were joined together by a rim. In addition, Jurriaan Pool (ac. mid-seventeenth century) and Jan Roettiers (1631-1703), whose descendants and relatives became coin and medal engravers in The Netherlands, England, and France, contributed significantly to the development of the struck medal. ☞ The plaquette is closely allied to the medal from which, however, it differs in various respects; most obviously in shape, subject, and (with a few exceptions) the absence of a reverse design. The shape of a plaquette may be square, oblong, oval, circular, shield-like, etc. Subjects include religious, mythological, allegorical, and historical scenes, as well as themes based on Greek and Roman art or classical literature. Since one of the principal features of most medals is its portrait, some likenesses of contemporary persons on bronzes which, though uniface, have shapes other than round, are classified as medals (nos. 2, 7, 8, and 29, for example); although others (nos. 180 and 181) are listed among the plaquettes. On the other hand, certain small round uniface bronzes of figures from the Roman world are regarded as plaquettes (see nos. 176-179). ☞ In the main, the plaquette was an object of art to be enjoyed for its aesthetic appeal and artistic qualities. In their practical application, plaquettes served as decorations on functional or religious objects; those with suitable representations were occasionally used as a pax, a tablet to be kissed during mass. By far the greater number of plaquettes were cast by the lost wax process described previously. ☞ Italy, the birthplace of the Renaissance medal, likewise was the cradle of the plaquette, and from there the art spread beyond the Alps to France, Flanders, and Germany. The development of the plaquette began about the middle of the fifteenth century, parallel to that of the medal, and flourished well into the sixteenth century. ☞ The creators of plaquettes often were the same men who figured prominently in the art of the medal. Gianfrancesco Enzola of Parma, Cristoforo Caradosso Foppa of Milan, Fra Antonio da Brescia (ac. 1487-1513), and others were skilled in both crafts. Valerio Belli, Giovanni Bernardi da Castelbolognese, though primarily engravers of crystal and precious stones, produced a considerable number of medals and plaquettes as well. ☞ Unfortunately, many of the plaquette artists have remained anonymous, but at times stylistic comparison with medals or other works of art permits at least a geographical attribution. In the past, a number of plaquettes have been ascribed to the Florentine sculptor Donatello (c. 1386-1466); an example is a Pietà (no. 156), later given to another Florentine master, Agostino di Duccio (1418-98), and more recently to Bertoldo di Giovanni (c. 1420-91). ☞ Among the more prolific artists involved in this field during the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries was the Paduan Andrea Briosco (c. 1470-1532), called Riccio ("Curly Haired"). Some scholars believe that he may possibly also have been the author of plaquettes bearing the signature Ulocrino (Greek for "Curly Haired"). Another prominent figure was Jacopo Sansovino (1486-1570), a Florentine by birth, who first was active in Rome but settled about 1527 in Venice, which already had a long tradition in bronze casting. Here the prosperous Venetian merchants vied with each other in building opulent palaces, among whose furnishings were collections of bronze statuettes, plaquettes, and medals. Sansovino's favorite subjects for plaquettes were scenes from the New Testament. For St. Mark's, Sansovino did the door of the sacristy, the six reliefs in the choir, the Four Evangelists on the balustrade of the choir, and a number of other figures. ☞ In conclusion it may be said that the art of the medal and plaquette complements many of the

major arts of the Renaissance. These objects, by virtue of their small size, have withstood the vicissitudes of time, and have played an important role in contributing to our understanding of the Renaissance and Baroque periods. ☞ In the present catalogue, the arrangement of the Italian medals up to the time of Benvenuto Cellini follows the order of G. F. Hill, *Corpus of Italian Medals of the Renaissance before Cellini*. Those from the time of Cellini onward are grouped after schools of artists. Medals by unidentified artists follow. German medals of the sixteenth century have been grouped according to the order established by G. Habich, *Die Deutschen Schaumünzen des XVI. Jahrhunderts*. The Baroque medals follow in chronological sequence. ☞ Our thanks are due to Mr. Marvin S. Sadik, Director of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, whose enthusiasm for medals and plaquettes first sparked the idea of this exhibition. He most generously gave of his time and wide knowledge and also shouldered the burden of preparing this catalogue, which it is hoped will be of interest to old friends of the medal and plaquette and will help to introduce others to this fascinating field.

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ITALIAN MEDALS TO THE TIME OF BENVENUTO CELLINI

ANTONIO PISANO called PISANELLO c. 1395-1455

Medallist from 1438-49

Antonio Pisano was probably born at Pisa about 1395. In his younger years he moved to Verona, where he was surnamed "Pisanello" (Little man from Pisa). He already was a highly distinguished painter of frescoes, portraits, and animals before 1438 when his first medal, marking the beginning of Renaissance medallic art, was executed.

In the history of art, Pisanello ranks as the founder of the cast medal and, indeed, as the most celebrated of all medallists; he never forgot that he was a painter, and he signs his medals OPVS PISANI PICTORIS (the work of Pisano the painter). He was active especially in Verona, Ferrara, Mantua, Milan, Rimini, Naples and Rome.

His medals reveal the trained eye of the painter in the clear and subtle lines of the portraits; they combine realistic rendering, sometimes extraordinarily severe, with dignity of character. The reverses show a keen observation of nature and a marked liking for animals (see the reverses of nos. 1 and 4).

The last medallic creations of this great master date from the year 1449; he died 1455 in Rome. (For a portrait of Pisanello see no. 6 by Marescotti.)

1

Filippo Maria Visconti 1392-1447, Duke of Milan 1412-47

Bronze medal, 100 mm. diam., c. 1441

PHILIPPVMARIA · ANGLVS · DVX · MEDIOLANI · ETCETERA · PAPIE · ANGLERIE · QVE · COMES · AC · GENVE · DOMINVS · (The Duke lost Genoa in 1435, but kept his title.) Bust right, wearing cap with edge turned up all around and soft crown. Brocaded dress. Plain linear border.



Rev. OPVS · PISANI · PICTORIS on a sunken band, below. Mountainous landscape with tops of buildings on one of which is a colossal female statue holding sceptre. In the foreground, three horsemen. The Duke to left in full armor with biscione crest to helmet, lance erect, horse prancing; on right, small page on horseback much foreshortened from behind; between them armed horseman to front. Plain linear border enclosing upper part of design.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 21, pl. 4

Armand, I, 8, 23

Heiss, *Pisano*, p. 11, 2; pl. 1, 2



Hill, *Pisanello*, pp. 125 ff.

Habich, pl. 11, 1

Tresor, Pisano, pl. 1, 3

Friedlaender, p. 36, 17

Rizzini, no. 20

Supino, pl. VIII, 17

Venice, *Correr Museum*, no. 18

The dragon on the Duke's helmet appears in the coat of arms of the Viscontis.

Provenance: Count Trivulzio Coll.

2

Francesco I Sforza 1401-66, Duke of Milan 1450-66

Octagonal bronze medal, H. 82 mm., W. 49 mm., c. 1441

Bust left, wearing tall cap with soft round crown and edge turned up all around; plate armor over shirt of mail.

No reverse.

cf. the following:

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 23, pl. 4

Armand, I, 8, 22

Heiss, *Pisano*, p. 15, 3; pl. 11, 1

Hill, *Pisanello*, p. 127, pl. 32

Habich, pl. 11, 3



3

Lionello d'Este 1407-50, Lord of Ferrara 1441-50

Bronze medal, 69 mm. diam.

LEONELLVS MARCHIO ESTENSIS (words separated by olive branches). Bust right, with short curly hair, wearing surcoat with scale decoration over mail.



Rev. · OPVS · PISANI · PICTORIS A mast with inflated sail; at its foot, on left, a nude old man seated facing right; on right, a nude young man seated facing left, seen from behind.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 25, pl. 5

Armand, 1, 3, 5

Heiss, *Pisano*, p. 19, 6; pl. 111, 1

Friedlaender, p. 34, 10

The mast with the sail is the Este impresa known as the Vela (see Hill, *Pisanello*, p. 146)

4

Lionello d'Este

Bronze medal, 100 mm. diam., 1444

LEONELLVS · MARCHIO | · ESTENSIS · in two lines across field; above, · GE · R · AR · ; below, · D · FERRARIE · REGII · ET · MV · TINE · Bust left, with short curly hair, wearing richly brocaded dress.

Rev. · OPVS · | PISANI · | PICTORIS · Above, on rocky ground, a lion standing right, singing from a scroll of music held by nude Cupid left;



in background, tall square pillar on which is a mast with inflated sail and · M · | CCCC | XLIII; in left background, on rocky hill, eagle seen from behind, perched on leafless tree.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 32, pl. 6

Armand, 1, 3, 8

Heiss, *Pisano*, p. 19, 11; pl. IV, 2

Hill, *Pisanello*, pp. 148 ff., pl. 39

Habich, pl. 111, 1

Friedlaender, p. 34, 12; pl. IV

Supino, no. 5

British Museum, *Select Italian Medals*, pl. 5

British Museum, *Guide*, p. 10, fig. 3



The reverse, Amor teaching the lion (Lionello) to sing is one of the most humorous and one of the finest of Pisano's compositions. The medal with its poetic charm commemorates the marriage of Lionello with Maria of Aragon, the natural daughter of Alfonso V of Naples (April 1444); Lionello is called GE(ner) R(egis) AR(agonum). The eagle probably is the eagle of the Este arms. Musical pomps were a leading feature of the marriage ceremony.

Provenance: Dr. Benno Geiger Coll.

ANTONIO MARESCOTTI ac. 1444-62

Little is known about Marescotti's life. It is believed, although not proven, that he was a sculptor as well as a medallist. A terra-cotta bust of Giovanni Tavelli of Tossignano, Bishop of Ferrara, who died in 1446, in the vestibule of the Hospital of St. Anne at Ferrara, is generally attributed to him. (For a portrait of Tavelli, see no. 5.)

5

Beato Giovanni Tavelli da Tossignano 1386-1446, Bishop of Ferrara 1432-46

Bronze medal, 89,5 mm. diam., 1446

DEVOTISSIMVS · PAVPER · PR · D · IOHANES · EPS · FERRARIENM Bust left, tonsured, with rays issuing from crown of head, wearing cloak. In front, mitre.

Rev. EGO · SICVT · OLIVA · FRVCTIFICAVI · SVAVITAE · ODO · I · DO DI In field left, MCCCC | XLVI · In field right, MARE | SCOTVS | - F - The Bishop, in loose undergarment, kneeling left in adoration, rays pouring on him from heaven; an olive tree sprouting from his head; in front of him, his shoes; behind him, his cloak.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 79, pl. 18

Brescia (Brozzoni Coll.),

Armand, 1, 29, 8

Oppenheimer, no. 13, now Morgenroth Coll., no. 15
 Heiss, *Niccolò*, p. 22, 1; pl. 11, 1
 Koehler, XIX, p. 73
 Habich, pl. xvii, 4
 Friedlaender, p. 54, 1; pl. x
 Mazzuchelli, I, IX, 3
 Rizzini, no. 55

The halo does not imply official beatification, but anticipation; the medal must have been made immediately after the Bishop's death. He is described as Blessed in a biography written before 1501 (Gruyer, I, p. 261).

6

Antonio Pisano called *Pisanello* c. 1395-1455, the medallist

Bronze medal, 57 mm. diam., c. 1440-43

PISANVS · PICTOR. Bust left, wearing brocaded dress and high, soft, crumpled beretta.



Rev. · F · S · K · I · (spray) · P · F · T · (spray) in conventional laurel wreath with spray rising from bottom.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 87, pl. 20

Armand, I, 9, 25

Habich, pl. xi, 4

Friedlaender, p. 41, 27; pl. 1

Supino, 19, pl. ix

Hill, *PMIA*, p. 31, 5; pl. xviii

British Museum, *Select Italian Medals*, pl. 13, 2

Heiss, *Pisano*, p. 9

Forrer, IV, 573 (attributed to Pisanello), this specimen

G. F. Hill reads the initials on the reverse as meaning the seven virtues: Fides, Spes, Karitas, Iustitia, Prudentia, Fortitudo, Temperantia.

Provenance: Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 3, pl. 1, also illustrated on the cover of the catalogue.

FERRARESE OR OTHER NORTH ITALIAN ARTISTS,

1470-1500

7

Unknown Man

Rectangular bronze medal, H. 79.5 mm., W. 57.5 mm.

Male bust left, wearing conical hat and robe with pleated front.

No reverse.

cf. Hill, *Corpus*, no. 126, pl. 27 (69 x 48 mm.)

Provenance: Luccardi Coll., pl. 42, no. 13

8

Unknown Boy

Rectangular bronze medal, H. 66.5 mm., W. 53.5 mm.

Bust left, with long hair, wearing round cap; bust loosely draped.



No reverse.

cf. Hill, *Corpus*, no. 140, pl. 27 (43 x 37 mm., erroneously given as 46 x 38 mm.), the Dreyfus specimen.

cf. Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 47, pl. xiv (43 x 37 mm.)

cf. Hill and Pollard, no. 47 (this specimen mentioned)

Apparently the only specimen recorded. A variant with a considerably smaller portrait and with molded border is in the Dreyfus Collection.

Provenance: Luccardi Coll., pl. 42, no. 12

FERRARESE c. 1500-30

9

Opizo Remo Ducal Secretary to Alfonso I 1506-23

Bronze medal, 68 mm. diam.

OPIZO · REMVS · ALFON · ESTEN · DV · III · SECRETA Bust left with bobbed hair, wearing cap with back flap turned up, and gown buttoned in front. Below, a fig branch. Very high relief.





Rev. Jason and the dragon (from Fra Antonio da Brescia's plaquette).

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 156, pl. 29

Armand, II, 92, 15

Rev. De Ricci, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 116, pl. xxxiv

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 26, pl. v (chased)

Provenance. Dr. Benno Geiger Coll.

MATTEO DE' PASTI (Matteo di Maestro Andrea de' Pasti) ac.
1441-67/8

This accomplished Veronese architect, sculptor, painter, miniaturist, and medallist is first heard of in 1441 at Venice, where he worked for Piero di Cosimo de' Medici. In 1446 he was in Verona and in the same year settled in Rimini, soon becoming persona grata at the court of Sigismondo Malatesta. In 1454 he is referred to as "noble."

De' Pasti's medals of Sigismondo were made between 1446 and 1450. The castle of Rimini on the reverse ranks as one of the finest representations of a building on any medal.

10

Sigismondo Pandolfo Malatesta 1417-68, Lord of Rimini 1432-68

Bronze medal, 83.5 mm. diam., 1446

(rosette) SIGISMONDVS · PANDVLFVS · DE · MALATESTIS · S · RO · ECLESIE · C · GENERALIS Bust left, wearing cuirass and surcoat. The abbreviations stand for: SACRAE ROMANAE ECCLESIAE CAPITANVS GENERALIS.



Rev. (rosette) CASTELLVM · SISMONDVM · ARIMINENSE · M · CCCC · XLVI The castle of Rimini.



Hill, *Corpus*, no. 174, pl. 33

Numismatic Chronicle (1917), p. 308, no. 14

Heiss, *Alberti, etc.*, p. 31, 10; pl. v, 3

Fabriczy, pl. ix

Supino, no. 28

Hill, *Pisanello*, pl. 66

British Museum, *Select Italian Medals*, pl. 11, 1

Calabi & Cornaggia, p. 95

Rimini Castle, the "Rocca Malatestiana," begun in 1438, was finished in 1446. This reverse is copied in Piero dei Franceschi's fresco of Sigismondo kneeling before his patron saint in San Francesco, Rimini.

Provenance: Luccardi Coll.

11

Sigismondo Pandolfo Malatesta

Bronze medal, 82 mm. diam., 1446

Obverse same as in preceding number.

Rev. Fortitude, crowned, cuirassed, and in long tunic, seated facing front in a meadow on a throne, the sides of which are formed by foreparts of elephants. She holds in both hands a broken column. Below: (rosette) M · CCCC · XLVI (rosette).

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 179, pl. 33 (no. 174 obverse, no. 178 reverse)

Armand, I, 20, 10

Tresor, II, pl. III, 1

Numismatic Chronicle (1917), p. 309, no. 18

Rizzini, no. 35

Metzler, no. 6, pl. III

Calabi & Cornaggia, p. 39, no. 6 and p. 97

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 61 (same reverse), pl. XVIII

Heiss, *Alberti, etc.*, p. 31, no. 11; pl. VI, 1

12

Sigismondo Pandolfo Malatesta

Bronze medal, 32 mm. diam., 1447

SIGISMVNDVS PANDVLFVS · MALATESTA · Bust left, wearing mail and surcoat.

Rev. PONTIFICII · EXERCITVS · IMP · M · CCCXLVII. An arm, issuing from a cloud, and holding a birch rod.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 182, pl. 34

The birch rod is the symbol of command.

Sigismondo Pandolfo Malatesta

Bronze medal, 80 mm. diam., 1446

SIGISMVNDVS PANDVLFVS · MALATESTA · PAN · F · Bust left, wearing plate armor over mail shirt.

Rev. CASTELLVM · SISMVNDVM · ARIMINENSE · M · CCCC · XLVI · The castle of Rimini.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 184, pl. 34

Armand, I, 20, 12

Numismatic Chronicle (1917), p. 307, 12

Calabi & Cornaggia, p. 42, 12

Provenance: Dr. Benno Geiger Coll.

MANTUAN in the manner of PIER JACOPO DI ANTONIO ALARI BONACOLSI called L'ANTICO c. 1460-1528

14

Giulia Astallia

Bronze medal, 63 mm. diam., c. 1485

DIVA · IVLIA ASTALLIA Half-figure of girl left, head bent a little forward, hair in long braid knotted up and tied with fillet, bodice laced in front, neck open.

Rev. EXEMPLVM VNICVM · FOR · ET · PVD · Phoenix on burning pyre, looking up at the sun's rays issuing from a cloud.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 218, pl. 38

Armand, I, 83, 3

Habich, pl. LV, 1

Bode, *Zeitschrift* xv (1904), p. 37

British Museum, *Guide*, p. 16, fig. 13

Arethuse I (1923/4), p. 17, pl. III, 2

Friedlaender, p. 129

Fabriczy, p. 49

Supino, no. 96

Simon, no. 123

Archivio Storico dell'Arte III (1890), p. 31

British Museum, *Select Italian Medals*, pl. 19, 5

Hill, *Medals of the Renaissance*, pl. VII, 2

British Museum, *Guide*, p. 16, fig. 13

Burlington Magazine xx (Oct. 1911), p. 23, pl. II, F

Revue Numismatique (1892), pp. 485 ff.

Tresor, II, pl. XLI, 6

Weimar, *Goethe-Sammlung*, no. 186

Giulia Astallia is generally identified with Giulia of Gazzuolo, heroine of Matteo Bandello's *Nov.* I, 8, who, having been violated by a servant of Bishop Lodovico of Mantua (1483-1510), drowned herself; the Bishop had a statue erected to her.

MANTUAN close to GIANCRISTOFORO ROMANO c. 1465-1512

15

Lucrezia Borgia 1480-1519, wife of Alfonso I d'Este

Bronze medal, 59.5 mm. diam., c. 1505

LVCRETIA (leaf) BORGIA (leaf) ESTEN · FERRARIAE (leaf) MVT · AC · REGII · D · Bust left, in high relief, heavy hair covering temples and neck, with a braid drawn from temples across and knotted behind, at shoulders tied together in a pigtail, beginning of which is seen; low dress fastened on left shoulder with ring; double cord with pendant on breast; straight truncation.

Rev. VIRTVTI · AC · FORMAE · PVDICITIA · PRAECIOSISSIMVM (two leaves on stalk). Nude Amor, blindfolded, tied with hands behind his back to a laurel tree, on which are suspended on left a broken quiver; on right, a trophy-like arrangement of a tablet inscribed BO | FPHFF | EN, a violin and its bow placed like a psaltery, a bundle of sheets of music, and a bow with broken string.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 233, pl. 40

Armand, I, 118, 3

Foville, *Gazette des Beaux Arts*, 39 (1908), p. 387

Friedlaender, *Berliner Blaetter* III (1866), pp. 202-207, pl. xxxv (attributed to Filippino Lippi)

Bode, *Zeitschrift* xv (1904), p. 37

Habich, pl. LXIV, 4

Arethuse I (1923/4), p. 19, pl. III, 4

Nanni, 1902

Heiss, *Nicc. Spinelli*, p. 43, no. 6, pl. IV, 7

Litta, *Este*, no. 21

In 1503 Lucrezia wrote to Bembo asking him to suggest a motto for this medal. The lettering on the tablet has been analyzed by Friedlaender: "Filippinus PHilippi Filius Fecit EN BOnonia"; by Milanese (Bibl. Com. Siena): "Bona Franciscus Panini Hoc fecit Ferrariae ENcenia" or "Francesco Panini Horafo Ferrarese Fece."

Provenance: Elkan Coll. 1934, no. 21 (as "Maître à l'Amour captif")

GIANFRANCESCO ENZOLA ac. 1456-78

Enzola worked chiefly at Parma and Ferrara. His early medals are on a small scale, and for a while he tried to strike his medals instead of casting them, but the struck products never attained the fineness of his cast ones, especially in the portraits. After about 1471 he took to casting large medals.

Among the artist's various employers was Francesco Sforza, whom Enzola portrayed on several medals, bearing his signature (see the following number).

16

Francesco I Sforza 1401-66, Duke of Milan 1450-66

Bronze medal, 42.5 mm. diam., 1456

(Biscione) FR · SFORTIA VICECOMES · MLI · DVX IIII BELLI PATER · ET · PACIS · AVTOR · M · CCCC LVI · Bust right, elderly, in shirt of mail under plate; across field · V · F · Pearled border.

Rev. Artist's signature: · IO · FR · ENZOLAE · · PARMENSIS · OPVS · On rocky ground, a greyhound seated left under a fruit tree; a hand issuing from a radiant cloud touches him; below him, on the ground, a bridle attached by a chain to the tree. Pearled border.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 281, pl. 45

Armand, I, 44, 6

Roville, p. 205

Habich, pl. LVII, 5

Friedlaender, p. 115, 1; pl. XXI

Simon, no. 128

Rizzini, no. 71

Supino, no. 51

Litta, *Sforza*, pl. II, 3

The reverse shows the Duke's impresa (motto: Quietum nemo me impune lacesset); cf. Paolo Giovio, *Dialogo dell'Imprese* (Lyon 1574), p. 41; Friedlaender, p. 116.

SPERANDIO OF MANTUA c. 1425-1504

Probably born in Mantua about 1425, Sperandio moved at an early age to Ferrara, but always remained proud of his Mantuan citizenship. His fame spread over the entire north of Italy as a goldsmith, sculptor, architect, medallist, and cannon-founder. He was mainly active in Ferrara, Mantua, Faenza, Bologna, and Venice where he died in 1504.

Sperandio's style is characterized by vigorous portraiture. Goethe was especially fond of his works and ranked him first among the Italian medallists.

17

Fra Cesario Contughi, Servite of Ferrara

Bronze medal, 84 mm. diam., First Ferrarese period (1462-77)

FR · CESARIVS · FER · ORDINS · SER · B · M · V(rose)DIVIN · L · T · EXELLEN · DOC · AC DIVI · VER · FAMOSIS · PREDICATOR · Elderly bust left, wearing habit with hood over head.

Rev. · INSPICE · MORTALE · GENVS · MORS · OMNIA · DELET · and in arc below: OPVS · SPERANDEI Fra Cesario, wearing long tunic, and scapular with hood over his head, seated on rock three-quarters right, resting head on left hand, and contemplating a death's head on the ground to right.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 363, pl. 61
 Armand, I, 67, 16
 Heiss, *Sperandio*, p. 36, no. 16
 Foville, p. 40, 6 (assigned to c. 1467)
 Gruyer, p. 640
 Weber, pp. 531-532

GIOVANNI (ZUAN) BOLDÙ (Giovanni di Pasqualino Boldù)

ac. 1454-c. 1475

Although Boldù describes himself on his medals as a painter, nothing is definitely known of his paintings. He may, however, have worked in Venice, both as a painter and as a medallist.

Boldù had a special affection for classical subjects, and in the case of the Caracalla medal (see the following number), the obverse was inspired by a Roman coin.

18

Emperor Caracalla 211-17

Bronze medal, 90.4 mm. diam., 1466

· ANTONINVS · PIVS · AVGVSTVS · Laureate and draped bust of the youthful Caracalla facing left.

Rev. · IO · SON · FINE · in an arc above. Below, in a sunken arc, · M · CCCC · LXVI · The youthful artist Boldù seated on a rock. To the right the winged genius of death, seated on the ground, holding a flame (symbol of the soul) in his left hand and resting his right elbow on a human skull. Pearled border over upper part of design.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 423, pl. 80

Armand, I, 37, 4

Weber, p. 530

Heiss, *Venetian Medals*, p. 107, pl. II, 3

Spitzer Coll., no. 1335, pl. II, 35 (now Paris)

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 10, pl. III

Friedlaender, p. 89, 7; pl. XIV

Supino, no. 48

British Museum, *Select Italian Medals*, pl. XII, 1

British Museum, *Guide*, p. 19, fig. 18

Revue Numismatique (1895), p. 567

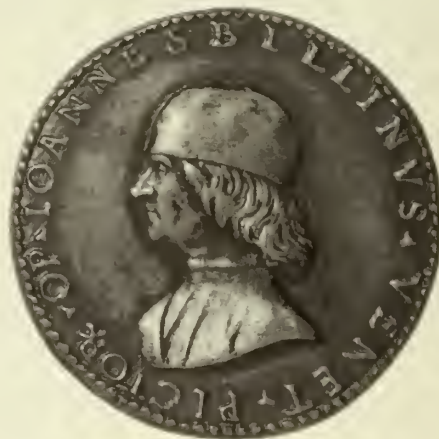
This medal is generally attributed to Boldù, based upon the fact that the reverse composition is identical with that of the medal of himself, Hill, *Corpus*, no. 421. There is, however, no great resemblance in lettering; in addition, the style of the obverse is broader than is usual with Boldù. The head of Caracalla is copied from a Roman aureus, cf. Cohen 96, on which the Emperor is facing right. The little genius on the reverse is after a design by Pietro da Fano.

Provenance: Count Trivulzio Coll.



VETTOR DI ANTONIO GAMBELLO called CAMELIO
 1455/60-1537

Camelio was employed as master of the dies at the Venetian mint from 1484 to 1510, and from 1516 until his death in 1537. He probably was active as a medallist already at an earlier stage. Like Enzola, Camelio also experimented with the striking of medals. The two medals of Gentile Bellini and his brother Giovanni are amongst the artist's most beautiful creations. Before 1484, Camelio may have worked as an engraver at the papal mint in Rome, a post he surely held from 1513 to 1516.



19

Giovanni Bellini c. 1430-1516, painter

Bronze medal, 58 mm. diam., c. 1495

IOANNES BELLINVS · VENET · PICTOR · OP · Bust left, with long hair, plain cap, dress with stole over right shoulder. Pearled border.

Rev. Owl perched left on fragment of a branch; above, VIRTVTIS ET INGENII; below, VICTOR CAMELIVS | FACIEBAT · Pearled border.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 438, pl. 83

Armand, I, 115, 2

Habich, p. 94

Fabriczy, p. 78, pl. XVI, 1

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, p. 12, no. XII

Heiss, *Venetian Medals*, p. 123, pl. VII, 2

Friedlaender, p. 95, no. 4; pl. XVII

Hill, *PMIA*, p. 39, 14; pl. XX

The last two words of the obverse legend stand for PICTORVM OPTIMVS.

Provenance: Count Trivulzio Coll.





VENETIAN, EARLY SIXTEENTH CENTURY

20

Fra Giovanni Cornaro Venetian Benedictine of the Abbey of Praglia, Abbot of Santa Giustina of Padua 1507-14

Bronze medal, 44 mm. diam.

IO · CORNELIVS · MONA COR · CASIN · COLVMEN Aged bust left, tonsured and almost entirely bald, wearing Benedictine habit with small hood.

Rev. PIETAS EVANGELICA A shepherd standing three-quarters left, looking to front; he carries crook in right hand, and a sheep on his shoulders, and drives a flock of sheep past a palm tree on which is a pelican.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 527, pl. 96

Armand, II, 70, 5

Habich, pl. LXXVIII, 8

Simon, no. 285

Rizzini, no. 495

Heiss, *Venetian Medals*, p. 180, pl. XII, 7

Keary, no. 73

British Museum, *Select Italian Medals*, pl. 38, 5

Loehr, no. 311, pl. XXVII

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 168, pl. XLIII

FRANCESCO RAIBOLINI called IL FRANCIA 1450/3-1517

From about 1508 to his death, Francia was in control of the Bolognese mint, working for Julius II and Leo X, after the former had taken the city from Giovanni II Bentivoglio in 1506. Prior to that, according to Vasari, Francia cut dies for the Bentivoglio, who in 1494 had been granted the right of coinage by Emperor Maximilian, to which event the following medal alludes. According to Hill, the medal possibly follows a design by Francia, but may not be by his hand.

21

Giovanni II Bentivoglio 1443-1509, Lord of Bologna 1462-1506

Bronze medal, 28 mm. diam., 1494

IOANNES · BENTIVOLVS II · BONONIENSIS · Bust right, with long hair, parted to show the ear, wearing low cap with back flap turned up; doublet and coat with open collar. Pearled border.

Rev. (in six lines) · MAXIMILIANI · IMPERATORIS · MVNVS · MCCCCLXXXIII · Pearled border.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 606, pl. 108

Armand, I, 104, 1

Herrgott, pl. XVIII, 86

Mazzuchelli, I, pl. XXXI, 2

Litta, *Bentivoglio, Monete*, no. 16

Habich, pl. LXX, 1

Friedlaender, p. 173, pl. XXXIV, 1

Simon, no. 131

Supino, no. 222

Keary, no. 77

British Museum, *Guide*, p. 22, fig. 24

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 184, pl. XLVI

Migeon, *Les Arts* (August 1908), p. 12, no. XXIII

BOLOGNESE, after FRANCESCO RAIBOLINI called IL FRANCIA

22

Francesco degli Alidosi, Cardinal of Pavia 1505, Legate of Bologna and Romagna, 1508-11

Bronze medal, 61 mm. diam.

FR · ALIDOXIVS · CAR · PAPIEN · BON · ROMANDIOLAE · Q · C · LEGAT · Bust right, wearing a bishop's cape and beret. Pearled border.



Rev. HIS AVIBVS CVRRVQ CITODVCE RIS ADASTRA. Jupiter, wielding thunderbolt with his left hand, and holding an object of uncertain nature in his right hand, standing on a car drawn to right along clouds by two eagles. Below, signs of Pisces and Sagittarius. Pearled border.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 610, pl. 109

Armand, II, 116, 45

Bode, *Zeitschrift*, xv (1904), p. 40

Habich, pl. LXX, 5

Tresor, I, pl. XXXIII, 3

Saglio, *L'Art*, LIV (1893), pp. 125-131

Fabriczy, p. 93

Venturi, VI, 800

Foville, p. 55

Revue Numismatique (1914), pp. 98 ff.

Hill, *Medals of the Renaissance*, pp. 64-65

Friedlaender, p. 176, pl. XXXIV

Simon, no. 132

Rizzini, no. 135

Supino, no. 228, pl. XXXI

British Museum, *Select Italian Medals*, pl. 42, 2

British Museum, *Guide*, p. 23, no. 50

Cardinal Francesco degli Alidosi was a favorite of Pope Julius II. After the loss of Bologna to Giangiacomo Trivulzio, the Marshal of France, Alidosi was careless enough to accuse the Pope's nephew, Francesco Maria della Rovere, of misconduct and to blame the military reverses on

him. Francesco Maria thereupon stabbed his accuser to death. According to another version of the story, he suspected Alidosi of treachery on behalf of the French.

Provenance: Dr. Benno Geiger Coll.

CRISTOFORO CARADOSSO FOPPA ac. c. 1475-1526/7

One of the best artists of the fifteenth century, generally known by his second name, Caradosso; he worked chiefly in Milan until the fall of Lodovico il Moro, perhaps longer. In 1505 he settled in Rome, where he helped to found the guild of Roman goldsmiths in 1509 and died in 1526/7.

The square medal with the portrait of the old warrior, Giangiaco-
mo Trivulzio, has been attributed to Caradosso by Lomazzo.

23

Giangiaco- mo Trivulzio 1441-1518, Marshal of France 1499

Square bronze medal, H. 46 mm., W. 46 mm., 1499.

IO IACOBVS TRIVVLS · MAR · VIG · FRA · MARESCALVS · Laureate bust left with long hair, wearing plate armor over gorget of mail. In-
scription between two outer and one inner circles; in the four corners are four shields: 1) Trivulzio (paly of six), 2) cross pattée within a flaming circle, 3) biscione on a shield, 4) on a shield, three brands in pale, each carrying two buckets. Double outer border interrupted by these shields.



Rev. Nine lines of inscription: 1499 | EXPVGNATA ALE | XANDRIA: DELETO | EXERCITV: LVDOVI | CVM · SF · MLI DVC | EXPEL-
LIT. REVER | SVM · APVD NOVA | RIAM STERNIT | CAPIT | Be-
low: leaf. Raised linear border.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 655, pl. 115

Tresor, 1, xi, 3

Armand, 1, 110, 11

Habich, pl. LXVI, 1

Van Mieris, 1, p. 328

Kochler, II, p. 49

Litta, *Trivulzio*, no. 1

Detroit Institute of Arts, *Decorative Arts of the Italian Renaissance 1400-
1600*, no. 312, ill. p. 139. This specimen.

Commemorates the capture of Alessandria and Trivulzio's appointment
as Marshal of France. It is probably one of the best portraits of this great
condottiere that have been preserved.

Provenance: Loebbecke Coll., 1908, no. 59, pl. 6

ANDREA GUACIALOTI or GUAZZALOTTI 1435-95

Guacialoti is generally regarded as a member of the Florentine School,
although almost all his medals are directly or indirectly connected with
Rome. He was a clerk in the Papal Curia until 1467, in which year he re-
turned to a canonry in Prato. There, besides attending to his clerical duties,
he practised as a bronze founder, casting his own and other artists' works,
one of them the medal by Bertoldo on the Pazzi Conspiracy (see no. 28).

24

Sixtus IV (Francesco della Rovere 1414-84) Pope 1471-84

Bronze medal, 60 mm. diam., 1481

· SIXTVS · IIII · PON · · MAX · SACRICVLT · Bust left, wearing tiara,
cope and morse. Pearled border.

Rev. · PARCERE · SVBIECTIS · ET DEBELLARE SVPERBOS; in the
exergue: · CONSTANTIA · Across the field: MCCCC-LXXXI (en-

graved) and · SIXTE-POTES Constancy, nude, standing to front, looking
left; she rests left arm on fluted column, her right on tall staff, and holds
a long scarf passing across her waist. At her feet, on the right, a group of
crouching Turkish captives, arms and banners; on left, galleys in the har-
bor. Pearled border.

The motto is from Virgil (*Aen.* vi, 854). The medal commemorates the
expulsion of the Turks from Otranto in 1481 by troops partly contributed
by the Pope.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 751, pl. 126

Armand, 1, 50, 10

Bonanni, 1, 91, no. 9

Venuti, p. 36, no. vi

Programm zur Jenaischen Literatur-Zeitung (1810), p. viii

Numismatic Chronicle (1884), p. 182

Heiss, *Florentine Medals*, 1, 52, 1; pl. iv, 1

Fabriczy, p. 108, pl. XXI, 2

Martinori, p. 29

Hill, *Roman Medallists*, pp. 30 and 32, pl. 1, 5

Habich, pl. xxxiii, 6

Friedlaender, *Andrea Guacialoti*, p. 14, 8; pl. III, 7

Friedlaender, p. 137, 10; pl. xxiv

Rizzini, no. 41

Litta, *Rovere, Sisto IV*, no. 4

Supino, no. 61, pl. xiv

Keary, no. 311

British Museum, *Guide*, p. 24, fig. 26

Louvre, *Catalogue des Bronzes* (Paris 1904), no. 466

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 209, pl. LIII

Migeon, *Les Arts* (August 1908), p. 11, no. x

Forrer, II, 331 (ill.)

LYSIPPUS ac. c. 1471-84

Known under the pseudonym of "Lysippus the Younger." His real name
is unknown. He was the nephew of Cristoforo di Geremia.

Nearly all the artist's clients seem to have been connected with the Papal
Curia or Roman University. His medals are distinguished by their fine
lettering, their sense of proportion, and the preference for the use of a
leaf or pair of leaves as an ornament (see no. 26).

25

Sixtus IV

Bronze medal, 42 mm. diam.

SIXTVS · IIII · PONT · · MAX · SACRI · CVLT · Bust left, wearing
tiara, cope, and large circular morse. Pearled border.

Rev. HEC DAMVS IN TERRIS · AETERNA DABVNTVR OLIMPO
The Pope, enthroned facing front, wearing cope, hands joined in prayer;
a tiara is placed on his head by St. Francis on left (who holds a cross) and
St. Anthony on right (who holds a fire); both have the nimbus. Pearled
border.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 807, pl. 132

Armand, II, 62, 1; III, 180, a

Bonanni, p. 91, 3

Venuti, p. 33, III

Tresor, 1, xxiv, 3

Numismatic Chronicle (1884), p. 179, 1

Thurston, p. 43

Burlington Magazine (1909), p. 280

Martinori, p. 26

Hill, *Roman Medals*, p. 35, pl. v, 3

Habich, pl. LXI, 1

Simon, no. 338

Rizzini, no. 39

Litta, *Rovere, Sisto IV*, no. 2

Supino, no. 189

26

Giovanni Alvisè Toscani c. 1450-78, Milanese jurist, orator, and poet.
Bronze medal, 42.5 mm. diam.

IOANNES ALOISIVS · TVSCA · AVDITOR · CAM Bust facing left,
wearing round cap and close-fitting gown. Pearled border.

Rev. (two leaves on stalk) VICTA IAM NVRSIA FATIS AGITVR Neptune nude, mantle arched over his head, holding trident in right, dolphin in left, facing front in sea-car drawn by two sea horses. Pearled border.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 811, pl. 132

Armand, II, 28, 13

Rizzini, no. 443

Mazzuchelli, I, pl. XIX, 4

Supino, no. 155

Tresor, I, pl. XXXIX, 5

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 220, pl. LVI

GIOVANNI CANDIDA (Giovanni di Salvatore Filangieri) c. 1450-c. 1495

The artist descended from a noble Neapolitan family, and grew to distinction in the diplomatic service. He became secretary to Charles the Bold in 1472 and, after the latter's death, in 1477 was made secretary to Maximilian I and Mary of Burgundy at the Burgundian Court. Maximilian and the beautiful young Mary were married that same year. The charming medal of the pair was executed on the occasion of their wedding.

The well-known painting by Hans Memling in the Antwerp Gallery of a man holding a coin of Nero may possibly be the portrait of Giovanni Candida, though some experts believe it to represent Niccolò Spinelli.



27

Maximilian of Austria 1459-1519 and Mary of Burgundy 1459-82

Bronze medal, 48.4 mm. diam., c. 1477

· MAXIMILIANVS. FR. CAES. F. DVX. AVSTR. BVRGVND Bust right, with long hair confined by twisted fillet and myrtle (?) wreath; open coat over doublet laced across breast. Pearled border.

Rev. MARIA. KAROLI. F. DVX. BVRGVNDIAE. AVSTRIAE. BRAB. C. FLAN: Bust right, hair drawn back and tied in loose knot; plain dress with insertion in front; behind, two M's interlaced and surmounted by crown. Pearled border.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 831, pl. 134

Armand, II, 80, 1

Habich, pl. LXII, 7

Heraeus, pl. XIV, 7 and pl. XVIII, 7

Van Mieris, I, 141

Herrgott II, pl. I; pl. X, VI

Baldass, *Vienna Jahrbuch*, XXXI (1925), p. 249

Rizzini, no. 505

British Museum, *Guide*, p. 28, fig. 30

BERTOLDO DI GIOVANNI c. 1420-91

Bertoldo was Donatello's pupil and Michelangelo's master. He did not cast his own medals but, after having made his models, left the casting to others.

The medal on the Pazzi Conspiracy was cast by Andrea Guacialoti in 1478.

28

Lorenzo 1449-92 and Giuliano de' Medici 1453-78

Bronze medal, 63.5 mm. diam.

LAVRENTIVS MEDICES. Bust almost in profile, to the right, placed above the octagonal enclosure of the choir in the Duomo of Florence. Within it, priests are celebrating Mass; outside, conspirators are attacking Lorenzo. Below the bust: SALVS PVBLICA.

Rev. IVLIANVS MEDICES Bust almost in profile, to the left, placed above the choir of the Duomo where Mass is being celebrated. Outside, conspirators killing Giuliano who lies on the ground. Below the bust: LVCTVS PVBLICVS.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 915, pl. 148

Armand, I, 59, 1

Vasari, edizione Milanese, III, 297

Keary, no. 33

Bode, *Florentiner Bildhauer der Renaissance*, p. 259

Fabriczy, p. 112

Hill, *Medals of the Renaissance*, p. 75

Habich, pl. XXXIV, 4

Bode, *Bertoldo*, p. 26 ff.

Friedlaender, p. 160, 1; pl. XXXI

Rizzini, nos. 84 and 85

Mazzuchelli, I, pl. XXX, 2

Supino, no. 66, pl. XVI

Litta, *Medici*, no. 3

Heiss, *Spinelli*, p. 60 ff., pl. VI, 3

Louvre, *Catalogue des Bronzes* (Paris 1904), no. 469

The bust of Giuliano is probably after a portrait by Botticelli, that of Lorenzo may be modelled from life. In the Pazzi Conspiracy of 1478 Giuliano was killed, Lorenzo escaped.

FLORENTINE, SECOND HALF OF THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY

29

Tito Vespasiano Strozzi 1422-1505, Florentine poet

Rectangular bronze medal, H. 185 mm., W. 132 mm.

Bust with long hair in very high relief facing right, wearing round cap and pleated robe. Below the truncation: TITVS. STROCIVS ·

No reverse.

cf. Hill, *Corpus*, p. 33, no. 125d, 125e

Armand, I, II, 35 (175 x 111 mm.). Armand judges Strozzi on this medal to be about 50 to 60 years of age, which would date it between 1470-80.

Hill, in his *Corpus*, no. 125, erroneously combines this medal with another from the Ferrarese School (the specimen in Oxford illustrated in *Corpus*), which, however, portrays another person.

Only the pieces quoted by Hill as 125d (Paris-Armand, 175 x 111 mm.) and 125e (Turin, no size given) are similar to the present. Another specimen (183 x 128 mm.) was recorded in the Elkan Coll. (Catalogue 1934), no. 70.

The present specimen is the fourth known, and the largest in size.

Provenance: Count Trivulzio Coll.



NICCOLÒ DI FORZORE SPINELLI called NICCOLÒ FIORENTINO 1430-1514

His is the most famous name in the history of the Florentine medal. Niccolò's skill is at its best in his splendid portraiture. Powerful style and bold belief, rather than petty details, are the artist's forte.

A painting in the manner of Botticelli, in the Uffizi Gallery, of a young man holding a medal of Cosimo Vecchio, probably represents Niccolò. Some experts have also recognized him in Memling's famous painting at the Antwerp Gallery, showing a man with Florentine long hair, holding a bronze coin of Emperor Nero.

30

Antonio Geraldini 1457-88

Bronze medal, signed, 66.7 mm. diam.

ANTONIVS · GERALDINVS · PONTIFICIVS · LOGOTHETA · FAS-TORVM · VATES · Bust right with curly hair, wearing round cap and pleated gown.

Rev. · RELIGIO · SANCTA · and, in arc below: the signature · OP · NI · FO · SP · FL · (Opus Nicolai Forzori Spinelli Florentini) Standing figure of Religion facing left, laureate, wears tunic and mantle, swings censer in right hand, holds cornucopia in left hand.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 924, pl. 150

Armand, I, 84, 2

Bode, *Jahrbuch der Preussischen Kunstsammlungen* xxv (1904), p. 10; pl. B, 8

Habich, pl. xxxvi, 2

Tormo, xxv (1917), p. 61

Friedlaender, p. 140, 3

Heiss, *Spinelli*, p. 13, 3; pl. I, 3

According to Bode, this medal was made in Rome during the stay which he supposes Niccolò to have made there in 1485-86. Geraldini was a colleague of Mendoza, Ambassador of Ferdinand and Isabella, in his embassy in 1486. He was crowned Poet Laureate in 1479. Innocent VIII made him protonotary (logotheta). Lancetti, *Memorie Intorno ai Poeti Laureati* (1839), pp. 194 ff.

NICCOLÒ DI FORZORE SPINELLI called NICCOLÒ FIORENTINO, attributed to

31

Bernardino Gamberia, private chamberlain of Innocent VIII, Bishop of Cavaillon, d. 1507

Bronze medal, 61.2 mm. diam., 1485

· BER · GAMB · INNOCENTII · VIII · C · S · AN · XXX · 1485. Bust left, with thick curly hair, wearing round cap and close-fitting dress.

Rev. SATIABOR CVM APPARVERIT God the Father in clouds.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 933, pl. 152

Armand, II, 64, 15

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 260

Bode, *Jahrbuch der Preussischen Kunstsammlungen* xxv (1904), p. 10, pl. B, 10

Simon, no. 175

Gamberia, here "cubicularius secretus," is mentioned frequently by Burckhardt from 1485 onwards.

32

Alamanno Rinuccini 1419-99, Florentine writer and historian

Bronze medal, 87 mm. diam., 1493

ALAMANNVS · RINVCINVS · PHILIPPI · F Bust left, in very high relief, bareheaded and with long hair, wearing close-fitting dress. Underneath: 1493.

No reverse.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 1010, pl. 166 (this specimen illustrated)

Armand, III, 171, D

Cecchi, ill.

Heiss, *Florentine Medals*, I, 145

Burlington Magazine, xxii (1912), 132

Provenance: Baron C. A. de Cosson Coll.

33

Alessandro di Gino Vecchietti 1472-1532

Bronze medal, 77.3 mm. diam., c. 1498

· ALESSANDRO · DI GINO · VECHIETTI · and below bust, · ANNI Z6. Bust right, curly long hair, wearing cap with back flap turned up, and plain robe.



Rev. Nude Fortuna, three-quarters left, advancing over waves on dolphin; holds aloft in right hand halyard of a sail, sheet of which she holds in her left hand; in front of her, on the waves, radiant sun's face. On right, on a rock, an ermine, holding in its mouth a scroll inscribed PRIVS · MORI · QVAM TVRPARI ·

The arms of the Vecchietti of Florence are five ermines rampant, silver on blue.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 1027, pl. 170

Armand, I, 99, 4

Bode, *Jahrbuch der Preussischen Kunstsammlungen* xxv (1904), p. 8, pl. B, 4

Heiss, *Florentine Medals*, I, p. 89; pl. xiii, 6

Friedlaender, p. 154, 35; pl. xxx

Supino, no. 118

Archivio Storico dell'Arte III (1890), p. 30

Calvo y del Rivero, pl. xvi, 3 (Museo Arqueologico Nacional)

Provenance: Count Trivulzio Coll.



Girolamo Savonarola 1452-98, Dominican preacher

Bronze medal, 93 mm. diam.

· HIERONX[!]MVS · SAV° · FER · VIR · DOCTISS^s · ORDINIS ·
PREDICHATORVM Bust left in habit with hood raised.



Rev. · GLADIVS · DOMINI SVP · TERAM · CITOET VELOCITER
Divine hand holding dagger, threatening the cities of Venice, Milan, Genoa, Florence, Pisa, Rome, Naples, and another city, probably Bologna.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 1075, pl. 179

Armand, II, 46, 17

Heiss, *Spinelli*, p. 69, 3; pl. VII, 1

Migeon, *Les Arts*, August 1908, p. 8, v

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 282

Hofstede de Groot, ex Schulman sale, June 17, 1929, no. 31 (92 mm.)

Portrait of most powerful expression. The only medallic Savonarola portrait of great merit.



According to Hill, the design of this medal is doubtless due to one of the sons of Andrea della Robbia. He doubts, however, that the medal itself is by the della Robbia artists. The reverse legend records predictions by Savonarola of the fate of Florence; the sword of the Lord is the French invasion, which he foresaw.

FLORENTINE, LATE FIFTEENTH CENTURY

35

Dante Alighieri 1265-1321, Florentine poet

Bronze medal, 52 mm. diam.

· DANTHES · FLOREN TINVS Bust left, wearing laureate cap with falling point and stringed flaps covering ears; gown with small lapels.

Rev. No inscription. Dante before the Mountain of Purgatory. Wearing cap as on obverse, and long robe, he stands at the left, holding book in his left hand, raising his right, and gazing at the mountain on summit of which is the Earthly Paradise, with Adam and Eve under the Tree of Knowledge; in a cavity at base of mountain, two figures; halfway up, an arch; to the left, a lesser mountain with two entrances to Hell with demons, etc., about them; above, seven circles of Heaven.

Hill, *Corpus*, 1092, pl. 183

Armand, II, 11, 1

Habich, pl. XLIX, 1

Heiss, *Florentine Medals*, I, 125, 1; pl. XVII, 1

Holbrook, title page and pp. 240-241

Friedlaender, p. 154, no. 37; pl. xxx

Passerini, p. 43

Tresor, I, XIV, 3

Numismatic Chronicle (1913), p. 414, pl. xx, 1

The reverse of this medal is based on the painting made in 1465 by Domenico di Michelino in the Duomo, Florence. Cf. the early Florentine engraving (Hind, A, I, 23).

BENVENUTO CELLINI, SCHOOL OF, SIXTEENTH CENTURY

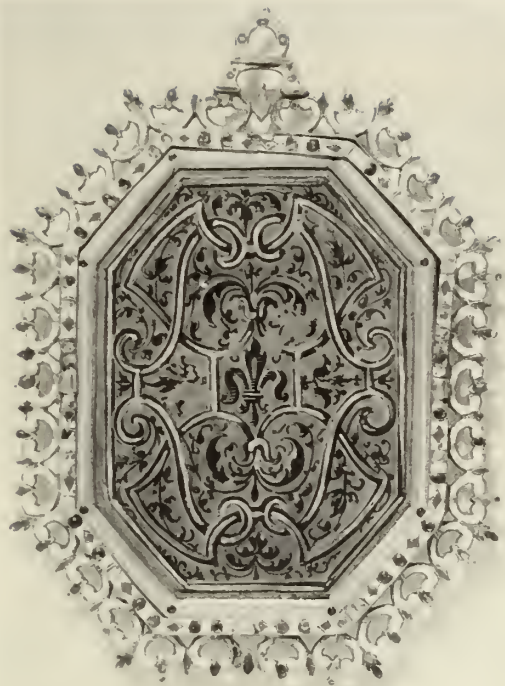
36

Unknown Nobleman, possibly Cosimo I de' Medici, 1519-74; married 1539 to Eleonora de Toledo; Duke of Florence 1537-69, Grand Duke of Tuscany 1569-74

Octagonal buff-colored honestone bijou, H. 56 mm., W. 42 mm.

Bareheaded bust with short beard to left, wearing armor with lions' heads on both shoulders, over shirt with turned-down collar.





Rev. Painted with interlacing scrolls and leaf patterns centered by a fleur-de-lis, in tones of brown, white, and gold.

The stone panel is set in a contemporary octagonal gold frame with openwork border, enamelled in red, white, green, and blue. Original suspension loop. Outside dimension of frame: H. 87 mm., W. 63 mm.

Otrange-Mastai, p. 127, no. 11 (this specimen)

The style of this piece, as well as the workmanship of the enamelled frame, would point toward an attribution to Benvenuto Cellini. The artist worked from 1545 to 1571 in Florence, and it is known that he cut in hard materials like honestone, slate, and crystal. Prof. Middeldorf (private communication) has suggested that the piece may possibly be close to Antonio Abondio. The identity of the person represented also requires further confirmation (cf. the portraits of Cosimo I on the medals: Hill, *Medals of the Renaissance*, pl. xvi, no. 3, and Lanna III, pl. 15, no. 233). Another Italian honestone model, depicting Alessandro Piccolomini, is in the Munich State Coll. (M. Bernhart, *Nachtraege zu Armand*, Archiv v, p. 82).

Unique

Provenance: Martin J. Desmoni Coll., Sotheby, May 17, 1960, no. 96, pl. 18

ITALIAN MEDALS FROM THE TIME OF BENVENUTO CELLINI ONWARDS

FLORENTINE ARTISTS

PASTORINO DE' PASTORINI Siena 1508-1592 Florence

Although a native son of Siena (his father was a shoemaker at, or from the neighborhood of, Siena), Pastorino worked in the Florentine tradition. His early years were spent on glass painting, but from 1540 to 1578 he devoted himself largely to the modelling of portraits in wax and casting them, usually in lead and without reverse. His casts are so finely executed that at first glance they almost appear to be struck.

37

Lodovico Ariosto 1474-1533, poet

Bronze medal, 38 mm. diam.

LVDVICVS ARIOST POET Laureate and bearded head of the poet facing left. Pearled border.

Rev. PRO BONO MALVM Bees surrounding a column rising from amidst flames. Pearled border.

Armand, I, 188, 2

Tresor, II, xxxvi, 4

Van Mieris, II, 377

Koehler, xvii, 33

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 53

Habich, pl. LXXXIV, 6

Forrer, IV, 409 (ill.)

Mazzuchelli, I, LXVII, 4

38

Lucrezia de' Medici 1545-61, first wife of Alfonso II d'Este

Lead medal, 69 mm. diam., 1558

LVCRETIA · MED · FERR · PRINC · A · A · XIII · Bust left, hair wound back and ornamented with string of jewels, wearing richly embroidered robe, earring and necklace with pendant. Above truncation, artist's signature: P. Below truncation: 1558.

No reverse.

Armand, I, 195, 40

Made probably on the occasion of Lucrezia's marriage to Alfonso II d'Este in 1558.

GIAMPAOLO POGGINI Florence 1518-1582 Madrid

Poggini was born into a family of artists. His father Michele was a gem-engraver, his younger brother Domenico, like himself, a medallist of renown. He is best known for his fine medals of Philip II and his family.

39

Philip II 1527-98, King of Spain 1556-98

Silver medal, 42 mm. diam., 1559

· PHILIPPVS HISPANIAR · ET NOVI ORBIS OCCIDVI REX Bare-headed bust with short beard facing left, wearing cuirass. Below truncation, artist's signature: I · PAVL · POG · F · Pearled border.

Rev. PACE · TERRA · MARIQ · COMPOSITA Standing Pax, holding horn of plenty, sets fire to a pile of armaments in front of the closed Temple of Janus. In the exergue: · MDLIX · Pearled border.

Armand, I, 238, 5

Van Loon, I, 28

Cicognara, II, LXXXV, 2

Habich, pl. LXXX, 5, 6

Vidal Quadras y Ramon, no. 13609

Le Maistre, no. 13

Betts, no. 3

Forrer, IV, 633

Commemorates the peace treaty of Chateau Cambresis. The remarkable obverse legend cites Philip as King of Spain and of the New World in the West.

DOMENICO POGGINI Florence 1520-1590 Rome

A goldsmith, sculptor, die-engraver, and medallist, Poggini began his artistic career together with his brother Giampaolo. A prolific artist, his metallic creations alone comprise about fifty pieces.

40

Cosimo I de' Medici 1519-74, Duke of Florence 1537-69, Grand Duke of Tuscany 1569-74

Silver medal, 41.5 mm. diam., 1567

COSMVS MED · FLOREN · ET SENAR · DVX · II · Bareheaded bust right with short beard, wearing cuirass and drapery. On the breast: 1567. Pearled border.

Rev. QVO · MELIOR · OPTABILIOR · In a hexagonal basin, fed by aqueduct, stands Neptune, brandishing his trident, on a chariot drawn by two sea horses. Pearled border.

Armand, I, 261, 41

Litta, *Medici*, no. 31

cf. Forrer, IV, 629

PIER PAOLO GALEOTTI generally known as PIER PAOLO ROMANO called IL ROMANO 1520-84

A goldsmith, die-engraver, and medallist, Il Romano, a native of Rome,

worked in the north of Italy, settled at Florence in 1550, and died there in 1584.

41

Faustina Sforza Marchesa of Caravaggio, married 1546

Bronze medal, 72 mm. diam.

FAVSTINA SFORTIA MARCH CARAVAGII. Bust facing right, veiled and richly draped, wearing double necklace. In the field, to the right, a vine leaf.

No reverse.

cf. Armand, I, 234, 35

42

Gianfrancesco Trivulzio 1504-73, Marchese of Vigevano, Count of Mesocco 1518-49, Rheinwald and Stoss

Bronze medal, 59.5 mm. diam., c. 1543.

The grandson of Giangiaco Trivulzio, he lost his possession in the battle of Pavia, but in 1535 was restored by Charles V.

(rosette) IO · FRAN · TRI · MAR · VIG · CO · MVSO · AC · VAL · REN · ET · STOSA · D · Bearded and cuirassed bust right, drapery fastened on right shoulder. On the truncation: AET · 39 ·

Rev. FVI SVM ET ERO. Nude Fortuna, holding flowing sail amidst a violent sea, surrounded by dolphins and tritons. Above and below, four blowing zephyrs.

Armand, II, 302, 13

Forrer, II, 192

Habich, p. 135, pl. xcvi, 5 (as unknown Milanese master)

Provenance: Dr. Jacob Hirsch Estate

GASPARE MOLA c. 1580-c. 1640

As a youth Mola was apprenticed to a Milan goldsmith. The bronze gates of the Cathedral of Pisa, about 1601, were his first major commission. During his early period of activity he worked at Florence, and from 1613-14 at the mints of Guastalla and Mantua. In 1623 the artist settled in Rome, and was appointed Papal mint engraver in 1625, succeeding Jacobo Antonio Moro. Habich writes about Mola: "His best works show the influence of the brilliant French medallist Guillaume Dupré, with whom Mola had contact." Mola was a master at depicting even the most minute detail.



43

Charles Emanuel I 1562-1630, Duke of Savoy 1580-1630

Oval gold medal, H. 58 mm., W. 45.5 mm., 1606

CAROLVS · EMAN · D · G · DVX · SAB · P · P · Bareheaded bust with beard and moustache to right, wearing ruff collar, richly damascened armor and drapery; around the neck an embroidered ribbon from which a medallion is suspended. The ribbon doubly inscribed: FERT (the motto

of the House of Savoy, whose meaning has been explained as: Foedere Et Religione Tenemur). Under the truncation, the artist's signature: GASP · M ·

Rev. OPORTVNE The centaur Chiron, bearded and with flying stole, prancing right, shooting his arrow. On his body the constellation Sagittarius ("The Archer"); beneath his hooves the planetary system. Below, the date MDCVI. Original suspension loop.

Forrer IV, 113 (ill.)

The centaur Chiron, son of Titan Chronos, ancestor of Achilles and Ajax, was the famous teacher of Jason, Asklepios, and Herakles. When he received an incurable wound he gave his immortality to Prometheus. Chiron became the constellation Sagittarius.

This medal, the earliest and probably the finest by Mola, is apparently unique in gold.

44

Cosimo II de' Medici 1590-1620, Grand Duke of Tuscany 1608-20

Silver oval medal, H. 48 mm., W. 40 mm.

Youthful bust right, with short hair and small moustache, wearing armor with Maltese cross on breastplate.

No reverse.

Unpublished and probably unique.

cf. Fabriczy, p. 183, pl. xxxvi, 5

cf. Habich, p. 119, pl. LXXXII, 8

ANTONIO FRANCESCO SELVI 1679-1753

Selvi was one of the most prolific Florentine artists, and a pupil of Massimiliano Soldani-Benzi. He is said to have resided in England for a while.

45

Cosimo I de' Medici 1519-74, Duke of Florence 1537-69, Grand Duke of Tuscany 1569-74

Bronze medal, 85 mm. diam.

MAGNVS · COSMVS · MEDICES · P · P · P · Bust right, wearing gown and round cap. Raised border.

Rev. SEMPER Three interlinked rings. Raised border.

Hill, *Corpus*, no. 1110, 9

Armand, II, 25, 1

Mazzuchelli, I, pl. xx, 3

ROMAN ARTISTS

ALESSANDRO CESATI called IL GRECO or IL GRECHETTO ac. 1538-64

Cesati was born on Cyprus about 1500, the son of an Italian father and a Cypriote mother. He is mentioned by Vasari as the first medallist of his age. "Far beyond others," Vasari says, "has gone Alessandro Cesati, called Il Greco, by whom every other artist is surpassed in the grace and perfection as well as in the universality of his productions."

46

Dido, Queen of Carthage

Bronze medal, 45 mm. diam.

Greek inscription: DIDO BASILISSA. Bust right, wreathed, hair in coils and falling on neck, drapery fastened on right shoulder. Pearled border.

Rev. Greek inscription: KARCHEDON View of Carthage, with galleys lying in harbor before it.

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 368, pl. LXXXVI

cf. *Burlington Magazine*, February 1911, p. 267, pl. II, 8

GIAN FEDERIGO BONZAGNA called FEDERIGO PARMENSE ac. 1547-75

An artist of stature, practising as sculptor, goldsmith, medallist and die-engraver. Medallic products by Bonzagna are not known after 1575, though he was still alive in 1586. He worked in Rome and also for Pierluigi and Ottavio Farnese in Parma.

Pierluigi Farnese 1503-47, Duke of Parma and Piacenza

Bronze medal, 39 mm. diam.

· P(etrus) · LOYSIVS · F(arnesius) · PARM(ae) · ET · PLAC(entiae) · DVX · I · Bearded, bareheaded bust right, wearing mantle, shirt of mail, and damascened cuirass with lion's head on right shoulder. Under truncation, the artist's signature: F · PARM · Legend between pearled circles.

Rev. · AD · CIVITAT(is) · DITIONISQ(ue) TVTEL(am) MVNIM(entum) · EXTRVCTVM · Bird's-eye view of the citadel of Parma, with gate opening on a stream. Legend between pearled circles.

Armand, I, 222, 6

Litta, *Farnese*, 11, 1

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 375, pl. LXXXVII

Forrer, I, 214

Provenance: Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 87

Gutekunst Coll., Stuttgart 1910, no. 60, pl. IV

48

Pius V (Michele Ghislieri 1504-72) Pope 1566-72

Gilded bronze medal, 37.5 mm. diam., 1571

PIVS · V · PONT(ifex) · OPT(imus) · MAX(imus) · ANNO · VI · Bearded bust left, wearing skullcap and cape with hood. Below, the artist's signature: F(edericus) P(armensis). Pearled border.

Rev. DEXTERA TVA · DOM(ine) · PERCVSSIT · INIMICVM · 1571 · View of the Battle of Lepanto; on a galley, an angel with cross and chalice; God hurling lightning from above. Pearled border.

Armand, I, 226, 33

Tresor, Medailles Papales, pl. xv, 4

Bolzenthal, I, 291, 11

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 373, pl. LXXXVII

Vogel Coll., no. 43

The reverse legend on this medal is taken from *Exodus*, 15, 6.

The medal commemorates the victorious Battle of Lepanto.

Pius V is the last Pope to have been canonized.

GASPARO MORONE-MOLA ac. 1627-c. 1668

A nephew of Gaspare Mola (cf. nos. 43 ff.), he entered into partnership with his uncle and Orazio Ghisellini for the production of medals. Upon his uncle's death, he was appointed engraver at the Papal mint in Rome. The following piece belongs to the period of his earliest works.

49

Vincenzo II Gonzaga Duke of Mantua 1626-27

Silver medal, 46 mm. diam.

VINCEN · II · D · G · DVX · MANT · VII · ET · M · F · V · (Vincencius secundus, Dei gratia, dux Mantuae VII et Montisferratis V) Bare-headed bust with long hair and moustache facing left, wearing ruff collar and adorned cuirass, neck chain with jewel. Under the truncation, the artist's signature: G · MORON · F(ecit) · Pearled border.

Rev. FERIS · TANTVM · INFENSVS · A hound standing to left. Pearled border.

Corpus Numm. Ital., p. 359, 25

Forrer, IV, 156

GIOACHINO FRANCESCO TRAVANI mid-seventeenth century

In 1655, Travani was one of the three "Consuls" of the goldsmiths' guild in Rome. Among his best-known productions is the medal of Queen Christina of Sweden, who after her abdication and conversion to the Catholic Church had retired to Rome. Christina is represented as the "Pallas Nordica."

50

Christina 1626-89, Queen of Sweden 1632-54

Silver medal, 61 mm. diam., 1665

· REGINA · · CHRISTINA · Head as Pallas Athena facing right. Granulated field.

Rev. (in Greek letters) MAKELOS (Swedish: without peer). Phoenix

rising from the ashes. In the exergue: 1665. Granulated field.

Hildebrand, I, no. 104a

Crona Coll., no. 260 (bronze)

Forrer, VI, 129 (ill.)

De Bildt, pl. VI, nos. 26 and 27

GIOVANNI HAMERANI 1649-1705

Giovanni Hamerani, who in 1677 succeeded his father Alberto as Papal medallist, was perhaps the most distinguished of the Hamerani family of die-cutters.

51

Innocent XII (Antonio Pignatelli 1615-1700) Pope 1691-1700

Gold medal, 32 mm. diam., 1691

INNOCEN · XII · PONT · M · A · I · (anno I). Bust right, with short beard, wearing camauro and embroidered cope. Under the truncation, the artist's signature: HAMERA. Pearled border.

Rev. A · DEO · ET · PRO · DEO · Caritas standing, facing front, holding in her arms a child, and flanked by two others who are bearing urns from which flow streams of coins. At her feet, an urn spilling coins. Pearled border.

Forrer, II, 402

Innocent XII was elected Pope as a result of a compromise, but soon showed himself a stern reformer, especially regarding nepotism, which he abolished.

PADUAN ARTISTS

VALERIO BELLI c. 1468-1546

A native of Vicenza, Belli chiefly ranks as an engraver of crystal and gems, but also cut dies for coins and medals.

52

Emperor Aelius A.D. 138, adopted son of Emperor Hadrian

Bronze medal, 36 mm. diam.

L(ucius) AELIVS CAESAR Draped bust, bearded and with curly hair, facing right.

Rev. Aelius seated on a podium, before him five armed soldiers with captive. In the exergue: S. C.

From the series of the "Twelve Caesars" by Valerio Belli.

Forrer, I, 158

GIOVANNI DAL CAVINO called IL PADOVANO 1500-70

Cavino is well known for his imitations of Roman large bronze coins and medallions, numbering about 120. The portraits mostly belong to the period of the "Twelve Caesars," though he does not neglect some of their successors. His work is typical of the spirit of the Renaissance, bringing back to life the heritage of classical antiquity.

53

Floriano Antonini

Bronze medal, 38 mm. diam.

FLORIANVS ANTONINVS ANDREAE · F · Bearded bust with short hair right, wearing buttoned coat.

Rev. Below exergue line: AETERNITATI SACRVM Various persons in front of a two-story building, the frieze of which is adorned with a bas-relief.

Mazzuchelli, I, LXIV, 5

Armand, I, 179, 2

54

Agrippina Sr. d. A.D. 33, daughter of Marcus Agrippa, wife of Germanicus

Bronze medal, 36.5 mm. diam.

AGRIPPINA M(arci) F(ilia) · MAT(er) · C(aii) · CAESARIS. AVGVSTI Bust right, hair in club behind, tresses falling down neck, drapery over shoulder.

Rev. S · P · Q · R | MEMORIAE | AGRIPPINAE Funeral car drawn by two mules.

Forrer, I, 367 (ill.)
Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, pl. xci, 401 (variant)
Cohen, I, 231, 1
Lawrence, no. 7

55

Emperor Otho A.D. 69

Bronze medal, 36 mm. diam.

· IMP(erator) · OTHO · CAESAR · AVG(ustus) · TRI(bunicia)
POT(estatis). Bust right, wearing undulated hairpiece.

Rev. SECVRITAS · P(opuli) · R(omani) · Otho before an altar extending his hand to four armed soldiers carrying military standards before an altar. In the exergue: S C.

Cohen, I, 354 (note)

Forrer, I, 368

Lawrence, no. 23

The types of this medal were invented by Cavino. The Romans did not issue Sestertii of Otho.

56

Emperor Vitellius A.D. 69

Bronze medal, 35 mm. diam.

A(ulus) VITELLIVS GERMAN(icus) IMP(erator) AVG(ustus) P(ontifex) M(aximus) TR(ibunus) Draped and laureate bust right.

Rev. Helmeted Mars, his mantle flowing, striding toward the right, carrying a transversal sceptre and a shouldered trophy of armaments. In the field, S - C.

Cohen, I, 362, 80 (variant)

Forrer, I, 368

Lawrence, no. 28

57

Emperor Titus A.D. 79-81

Bronze medal, 34 mm. diam.

IMP(erator) T(itus) CAES(ar) VESP(asianus) AVG(ustus) P(ontifex) M(aximus) TR(ibunicia) P(otestatis) P(ater) P(atriciae) COS(ul) VIII Laureate head left.

Rev. IVDAEA CAPTA Under a palm tree, a captive Judaeen standing beside captured armaments, and the seated Judaea in attitude of mourning. In the exergue: S C.

Cohen, I, 439, 114

Forrer, I, 368

Lawrence, no. 37

58

Emperor Nerva A.D. 96-98

Bronze medal, 35 mm. diam.

IMP(erator) NERVA CAES(ar) AVG(ustus) P(ontifex) M(aximus) TR(ibunicia) P(otestatis) COS(ul) II P(ater) P(atriciae) Laureate bust right.

Rev. CONGIAR P R The emperor holding scroll seated facing right, on curule chair placed on a suggestum, presiding at a congiarium; before him, a prefect distributing gifts to a citizen who is mounting the steps of the suggestum; behind, soldiers and Liberalitas. In the exergue: S C.

Cohen, II, 4, 37

Forrer, I, 368

Lawrence, no. 44

59

Marciana, d. A.D. 114, sister of Emperor Trajan

Medallion, silver core within a bronze rim, 39.5 mm. diam.

DIVA AVGVSTA MARCIANA Draped bust right, wearing triple diadem on elaborately arranged hair.

Rev. CONSECRATIO Marciana, as Vesta, seated on a car drawn by four elephants. In the exergue: S(enatus) P(opulus) Q(ue) R(omae).

60

Emperor Marcus Aurelius A.D. 161-180

Bronze medal, 37 mm. diam.

M. ANTONINVS AVG(ustus) TR(ibunicia) P(otestatis) XXIX Bearded and laureate bust right, wearing drapery over cuirass adorned with aegis on breast.

Rev. IMP(erator) VII COS(ul) III Winged Victory seated to right on armaments, holding a palm branch and a shield inscribed VIC(toria) AVG(usti); in front of her, a military trophy.

Forrer, I, 369

Lawrence, no. 56

61

Faustina Jr. d. A.D. 176, wife of Marcus Aurelius

Bronze medallion, 34 mm. diam.

FAVSTINA AVG(usta) ANTONINI AVG(usti) PII FIL(ia). Draped bust right, hair confined by fillet and in chignon.

Rev. Sacrifice by the Empress and five women and a child before a hexagonal temple containing a statue of Vesta (?). Below: S C.

Cohen, III, 101

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, pl. xcII, 407

Forrer, I, 369

Lawrence, no. 59

62

Emperor Lucius Verus A.D. 161-169

Bronze medallion, 38 mm. diam.

L(ucius) VERVS AVG(ustus) ARM(eniacus) · PARTH(icus) MAX(imus) TR(ibunicia) P(otestatis) VIII Laureate and bearded bust right, wearing drapery over cuirass.

Rev. Jupiter seated right upon the seven hills of Rome, receiving the Emperor who holds Victory and is crowned by Virtus. In the exergue: TR(ibunicia) P(otestatis) VII. IMP(erator) · IIII · · COS(ul) III · P(ater) · P(atriciae) ·

Cohen, III, 197

Forrer, I, 369

Lawrence, no. 60

VENETIAN ARTISTS

ANDREA SPINELLI 1508-72

Spinelli, a native of Parma, was a medallist and mint engraver at Venice. He started his career in 1535 as assistant engraver and was appointed chief engraver 1540. In 1543 he ventured into business, together with his son Giacomo, and dealt in books and engravings.

63

Andrea Gritti Doge of Venice 1523-38

Bronze medal, 37 mm. diam., 1534

· ANDREAS · GRITI · DVX · VENETIAR · MDXXIII · Bearded bust left, wearing ducal hat and robe. Legend between two pearled borders.

Rev. (leaf) DIVI · FRANCISCI · MDXXXIII (leaf) View of the church of San Francesco della Vigna at Venice. Below exergue line, the artist's signature: AN · SP · F · Legend between two pearled borders.

Armand, I, 155, 4

Tresor, I, xxviii, 2

Habich, pl. Lxxvi, 16

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 413, pl. xcIII

VITTORIA DELLA VOLPE called ALESSANDRO VITTORIA Trieste 1525-1608 Venice

Next to Sansovino's, Vittoria's name figures prominently among the Venetian artists of the sixteenth century. Forrer, in his *Dictionary of Medallists*, writes: "In 1562, the year when one of the Rangoni medals was produced, Vittoria was received into the Confraternity of San Marco, when (according to the inscription on the following medal) Rangoni presided over the Brotherhood as a Guardian."

Tommaso Rangoni 1493-1577, professor in Padua, physician in Venice

Bronze medal, 40 mm. diam., 1562

THOM · PHILOL · RAVEN · PHYS · EQ · GWARD · D · MAR · MAG
Bareheaded and bearded bust right, wearing tight-fitting gown. In the field, to the left, 1562.

Rev. · A · IOVE · ET · SORORE · GENITA · An eagle places a child on the breast of a reclining woman (the birth of Hebe).

Armand, II, 196, 19

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 42

Lanna Coll., III, no. 164, pl. 12

Habich, p. 129, pl. LXXXVI, 6 (as Sansovino?)

MILANESE ARTISTS

LEONE LEONI 1509-90

A sculptor, goldsmith, medallist, and die-engraver, Leoni probably was the most important artist of the Milanese School during the sixteenth century. His violent temper caused him to be committed to the galleys in 1540, and it was to the Genoese Admiral Andrea Doria that he owed his liberation. Even with old age the artist did not mellow, and on one occasion he nearly murdered the son of Titian, trying to rob him, when the latter had come to Milan to collect a large sum of money.

As an artist, Leoni deserves great praise. His medals, retaining many of the sculptural qualities of his predecessors of the fifteenth century, are certainly the work of an artist of broad scope. Charles V was very fond of Leoni's work and, in recognition thereof, ennobled him in 1549, during the artist's sojourn at Brussels.

65

Daniel de Hanna d. 1580 (a member of the well-known Flemish merchant family that settled in Venice in the early 16th century)

Bronze medal, 54 mm. diam.

DANIEL (rose) DE (rose) HANNA Bust left, with short hair and beard, wearing cloak fastened with bulla on left shoulder, over figured underdress. Pearled border.

Rev. OMNE VANVM Female figure (Vanity), wearing tunic girt high and mantle, standing to front, looking left, holding in both hands a vase from which smoke emerges. Pearled border.

Armand, I, 169, 29 (52 mm.); III, 72, ee (53 mm.)

Cicognara, IV, 198

Venice, Correr: Bergman, II, 4, no. 11

Hauschild, *Anhang*, no. 363

T. Whitcombe Greene, no. 93 (53.5 mm.)

British Museum (53 mm.)

Copenhagen (52.5 mm.)

66

Ippolita Gonzaga 1535-63, wife of Antonio Caraffa

Bronze medal, 68.6 mm. diam.

HIPPOLYTA · GONZAGA · FERDINANDI · FIL · AN · XVI, and in the right field (in Greek) LEON ARETINOS. Bust left, with hair wound into a chignon, wearing dress draped in the antique manner, double pearl necklace with pendant. Pearled border.

Rev. PAR · VBIQ · POTESTAS · Diana blowing her horn marching right, holding an arrow, and accompanied by three hunting dogs. Pluto, with Cerberus at his feet, is seated in a building to the left.

Armand, I, 163, 7

Habich, pl. xcII, 6

Plon, pl. xxxII, 7 and 8

Provenance: Elkan Coll., no. 78

67

Gianello della Torre 1500-85

Bronze medal, 80.8 mm. diam.

Born in Cremona, Della Torre was an engineer and architect in the service

of Charles V. He constructed a hydraulic machine to raise the level of the Tagus River, to which the reverse of this medal may refer. The obverse legend refers to a clock he made for Charles V, who had asked him to repair the one by Giovanni Dondi at Pavia.

IANELLVS · TVRRIAN · CREMON · HOROLOG · ARCHITECT
Bust right, with short hair and beard, wearing tunic and cloak. Pearled border.

Rev. VIR TVS and, in the exergue: NVNQ:DEFICIT A female figure (Fountain of the Sciences) standing, draped, holding on her head a vessel from which escape two jets of water, which various persons in different attitudes collect in vases below. Pearled border.

Armand, I, 170, 38

Plon, pl. xxxIV, nos. 8 and 9, p. 274

Habich, pl. xcIII, 8 (as Jacopo da Trezzo)

Mazzuchelli, I, pl. XLIX, 1

Herrera, 9 (1905), pp. 226-270

Fabriczy, pl. xxxIX, 4

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 435, pl. xcVI

Lanna Coll., no. 227, pl. 15

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 121, pl. VIII

There also exists a painted portrait of Gianello by Titian (see: Jean Babelon, *Revue de l'Antiquité Ancienne*, 1913, October, pp. 269-278).

JACOPO NIZZOLA DA TREZZO called JACOPO DA TREZZO Milan 1515/20-1589 Madrid

Trezzo, a contemporary of Leone Leoni's and like him a distinguished Milanese medallist, entered into the employ of the Emperor, as was customary for leading artists in that period. From 1555 to 1559 he was active in The Netherlands, where his name appears in the state records. In 1559 he left for Spain and stayed there for the remainder of his life, working for the Spanish monarchs in the many artistic crafts that marked his versatility.

68

Ippolita Gonzaga 1535-63, wife of Antonio Caraffa

Bronze medal, 68.5 mm. diam., 1552

HIPPOLYTA · GONZAGA · FERDINANDI · FIL · AN · XVII Bust facing left, with upbound hair, wearing richly draped robe, earring, two necklaces (one with pendant). Below truncation: IAC TREZ. Pearled border.



Rev. VIRTVTIS FORMAEQ PRAEVIA Aurora riding through the heavens in a chariot drawn by Pegasus; holding a torch in her left hand, and with her right strewing flowers over the earth. Pearled border.

Armand, I, 241, 1

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 438, pl. xcVI

Rodocanachi, p. 220

Provenance: Luccardi Coll., no. 11, pl. 41



UNIDENTIFIED ARTISTS

NORTH ITALIAN, SIXTEENTH CENTURY

69

Giovanni di Nale b. 1511

Bronze medal, 65 mm. diam., 1544

GIOVANNI DI NALE · Bearded bust with short curly hair facing left, wearing plain robe with lace trim on round collar.



Rev. Circle of inscription: D'ETA DI XXXIII ANNI · M · D · XLIII ·
Armand, 11, 235, E (this specimen)
This is the only known specimen.
Provenance: T. Whitcombe Greene Coll.
Lippman Coll.
Henry Oppenheimer Coll.

VENETIAN, SIXTEENTH CENTURY

70

Trifone Gabrielli d. 1549, Venetian patrician and poet

Bronze medal, 44.5 mm. diam.

· TRYPHON GABRIEL · Bareheaded bust left, wearing patrician robe.
Rev. INNOCENS MANIB ET MVNDO CORDE Draped female figure (Innocence) washing her hands at a spring gushing from a high rock.
Armand, 11, 126, 10

71

Marcantonio Trevisan Doge of Venice 1553-54

Bronze medal, 63.5 mm. diam., 1554

· MARCVS · ANT · TREVISANO · DVX · V · Bearded bust right, wearing ermined robe and ducal cap.

Rev. Within an olive wreath: · MARCVS · | · ANTONIVS · | · TRE-
VIXANO · | DEI GRATIA DVX | VENETIARVM | ETC VIXITA-
NO · I | IN PRINCIPATV | OBIT · MDLIII

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 504, pl. cviii

cf. Armand, 11, 224, 1

72

Girolamo Priuli Doge of Venice 1559-67

Bronze medal, 42 mm. diam., 1567

HIERONIMVS · PRIOL · VE · DVX : Bearded bust right, wearing brocaded gown and ducal hat.

Rev. I · PV · AN · | VIII · ME · II · DI · | IIII · OBI · A · M · |
DLXVII · M · | N · D^E · IIII ·

Armand, 11, 225, 4

Tresor, 11, xxvii, 5

73

Cornelio Musso Franciscan, Bishop of Bitonto 1544, d. 1574

Bronze medal, 58 mm. diam.

CORNELIVS · MVSSVS · EP · BITVNT · His bearded bust right, wearing habit with lowered hood.

Rev. DIVINVM CONCINIT ORBI · Swan left, with spread wings.

Armand, 11, 212, 48

cf. Habich, pl. xcv, 4

cf. *Lanna Coll.*, 111, no. 312

Forrer, 11, 192 (as Pier Paolo Galeotti, "Il Romano")

Francesco Cornelio Musso was called "the Isocrates of Italy."

74

Marino Grimani Doge of Venice 1595-1606

Bronze medal, 39 mm. diam., 1595

MARIN GRIMANVS DVX · VENETIAR Bearded bust right, wearing brocaded robe and ducal hat.

Rev. · SYDERA · · CORDIS · and below exerguel line: · 1595 The haloed lion of St. Mark, rampant to left, holding crosslet orb.

Armand, 11, 273, 1

Tresor, 11, xxvii, 3

Vogel Coll., no. 56

MILANESE, SIXTEENTH CENTURY

75

Pietro Piantanida Milanese Captain



Bronze medal, 50.5 mm. diam.
CAP · PET · PLANTANIDA · AET · AN · XXXVI Bareheaded bust right, with short hair and beard, wearing drapery over damascened breast armor, adorned with aegis and griffin's head on right shoulder.



Rev. DVM · SPIRITVS · HOS · REGET · ARTVS Draped female figure, standing towards the left, raising her right arm and holding a chalice in her left hand (Faith?).

Armand, II, 179, 9 (49 mm.), after Cabinet de France
Burlington Magazine, October 1910, pl. II, B (attributed to Benvenuto Cellini)

Habich, pl. LXXXIII, 4, p. 121

Regling, p. 93

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 423, pl. xciv

Simonis, II, pl. xxIII, 5 (attributed to Etienne de Hollande)

Habich, *Corpus*, II, 2, p. 487, fig. 507a (as early Italian work of Antonio Abondio)

76

Francesco Panigarola 1548-94 Bishop of Asti 1587

Bronze medal, 61 mm. diam., c. 1576



FRANCESCO · PANIGAROLA · AETA · ANNI · XXVIII between three linear circles. Pearled border. Bareheaded bust with curly hair and short beard facing left, wearing buttoned gown with ruffled collar.

No reverse.

Armand, II, 262, 3

Mazerolle, I, xcvi, 2

Provenance: Luccardi Coll., pl. 40, no. 5.

77

Battista Spinola de Serravalis b. 1537, Genoese nobleman

Bronze medal, 47.5 mm. diam.

BAP SPINOLA D · SERRAVALLIS Bareheaded and bearded bust left, wearing ruff collar and cuirass adorned with standing female figure and, on shoulder, lion's head. Around, granitura.

Rev. Hebrew inscription: "Oh Lord, help us." A two-masted ship on a raging sea, two zephyrs blowing from above. Pearled border.

Armand, II, 209, 30 (example seen in Heiss Coll.)

FRENCH MEDALS

NICOLAS LECLERC ac. Lyon 1487-1507

JEAN DE SAINT-PRIEST ac. Lyon 1490-1516

In 1500 the city of Lyon was visited by Louis XII and Anne of Brittany, and to celebrate the occasion presented the Royal couple with a splendid medal measuring about 4½ inches in diameter. The medal was modelled by Nicolas Leclerc (who in a document is referred to as "tailleur d'images" in 1499) and Jean de Saint-Priest. The casting was done by the brothers Jean and Colin Le Père. The medal (no. 78), with its lingering touch of the Gothic, is one of the most admirable examples of French art from the waning Middle Ages.

78

Louis XII 1462-1515, King of France 1498-1515 and Anne of Brittany 1477-1514, Queen of France 1491-1514

Large bronze medal, 113 mm. diam., 1499

(crosslet) FELICE · LVDOVICO · REGNANTE · DVODECIMO · CESARE · ALTERO · GAUDET · OMNIS · NACIO · On a field sown with fleurs-de-lis, bust of Louis XII to right, wearing crown over cap, robe and collar of St. Michael; below, lion of Lyon.

Rev. (crosslet) LVGDVN(ensi) · REPUBLICA · GAVDE(n)TE · BIS · ANNA · REGNANTE · BENIGNE · SIC · FVI · CONFLATA · 1499. On a field sown with fleurs-de-lis and ermine, bust of Anne to left, crowned and veiled; below, lion of Lyon.

Hill, *Medals of the Renaissance*, pl. xxIV, 3

Hill, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 527, pl. cxIII

Friedlaender, p. 207, 1

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 24, pl. IV

Förster, III, 364; IV, 454 (ill.); V, 303 (ill.)

Mazerolle, cf. no. 27

Rondot, p. 16

Rosenheim Coll., no. 554, pl. 24

Anne inherited Brittany in 1488 from her father, Francis II. Consequently her hand was eagerly sought by a number of suitors. Archduke Maximilian (later Emperor Maximilian I) in 1490 married her by proxy. The French, however, forced Anne to seek annulment of this marriage, and in 1491 she was married to Charles VIII with the stipulation that in case of his death she was to marry his successor. Accordingly, in 1499 she married Louis XII, who for the purpose had obtained a divorce from his first wife. These developments led to the eventual incorporation of Brittany into France.

Provenance: Count Trivulzio Coll.

ETIENNE DE LAUNE 1518/9-83

In his youth De Laune exercised the trade of goldsmith, modeller, and engraver. Cellini's work seems to have inspired some of his early productions, which are most graceful and pleasing. In 1552, upon the establishment by Henri II of the "Monnaie du Moulin," in which coins no longer were struck by hammer but by machine, De Laune was elected to the office of engraver. Several drawings by the artist's hand of medals, coins, etc., are preserved at the Bibliotheque Nationale.



Henry II 1519-59, King of France 1547-59

Bronze medal, 53 mm. diam.

HENRICVS · II · FRANCOR · REX · INVICTISS · P · P · Laureate bust right, wearing armor. Pearled border.

Rev. TE · COPIA · LAVRO · ET · FAMA · BEARVNT · NVIA Fama, holding trumpet, driving a quadriga to right in which Pax and Abundance are seated. Pearled border.

Forrer, III, 337

Armand, III, 285, D

Tresor, Med. Franc., I, XI, 5

Mazerolle, no. 103

GERMAIN PILON c. 1535-90

Pilon takes his place among the eminent French sculptors and medalists of the second half of the sixteenth century. One of his masterpieces is the monument to Henri II and Catherine de Medici at St. Denis. His medallic productions are conspicuous for their very large size, a purely French fashion which has no equivalent elsewhere.

80

Henry III 1551-89, King of France 1574-89, elected King of Poland 1573

Bronze medal, 154 mm. diam., 1575

HENRICVS · 3 · D G · FRAN · ET · POL · REX 1575 Bust almost facing front, wearing soft beret ornamented with feathers and jewels, ruff collar, triple chain over brocaded gown.

No reverse.

Tresor, Med. Franc., pl. xxiv, 1

Babelon, no. 167

Forrer, IV, 542/3

GUILLAUME DUPRÉ c. 1576-1643

During this celebrated artist's life the French medal found its highest technical achievement. Although Dupré's products may not rival those of the great Italian masters in their conception and composition, their execution is so fine, their details so delicate, that they are a source of continuous enjoyment.

Dupré was comptroller-general of the French mint from 1604-39, but his influence on coinage was negligible. He was one of the last representatives of the French Renaissance and one of France's greatest medallists.

81

Henry IV 1553-1610, King of France 1589-1610

Bronze medal, 57 mm. diam., 1604

HENRICVS · IIII · D · G · FRAN · ET · NAVAR · REX Laureate bust right, bearded, dressed as a Roman Emperor, wearing drapery over cuirass. Underneath: · 1604 ·

Rev. MAIESTAS · MAIOR · AB · IGNE · Henry IV and his wife Marie de Medici, joining hands over a flaming altar. In the exergue: 1604.

Mazerolle, no. 283

Provenance: Loebbecke Coll., Halle 1925, no. 76, pl. v1

82

Marcantonio Memmo Doge of Venice 1612-15 and Cardinal Maffeo Barberini 1568-1644 later Pope Urban VIII 1623-44

Bronze medal, 91.5 mm. diam., 1612

MARCVS ANTONIVS MEMMO DVX VENETIARVM Bearded bust right, wearing brocaded dress and ducal hat. Under the truncation: G. DUPRE F · 1612 Pearled border.

Rev. MAPH · S · R · E · P · CAR · - BARBERIN · SIG · IVST · PRAE · BONO · LEG Bust with short beard to right, in ecclesiastical garb. Under the truncation: G. DUPRE · F · 1612 Pearled border.

Tresor, Med. Franc., 15, 3

Forrer, I, 657

Provenance: Dr. Benno Geiger Coll.



83

Marie de Medici 1573-1642, Queen of France 1600-10

Bronze medal, 63 mm. diam., 1615

MARIA AVG. GALLIAE ET NAVARAE REGINA Bust right, wearing diadem and earring, high lace collar closed with a cross on brocaded gown. Below truncation, artist's signature: G. DUPRE 1615. All in concave field. Pearled border.

Rev. SERVANDO DEA FACTA DEOS Marie in a ship manned by four girls. Above, two blowing zephyrs.

Tresor, Med. Franc., pl. v, 4

Mazerolle, no. 680

Lanna Coll., no. 411*Loebbecke Coll.*, no. 206 (Munich 1908)

Provenance: British Museum Duplicates (Sotheby, July 13, 1922, no. 39)

JEAN WARIN c. 1604-72

Warin succeeded Jean Darmand, called Lorfelin, as engraver-general to the mint in 1646. Together with Dupré, Jean Warin holds a most honored

place in the history of French medallic art. To this talented artist we owe some of France's most beautiful medals and coins of the seventeenth century. His medallic productions bear the mark of his highly developed technical skill and distinguish themselves by their boldness of relief.

Little is known about Warin's early life. He may have been born at Liege, but he settled in France in 1627 and was naturalized in 1650. He enjoyed the all-powerful protection of Cardinal Richelieu, whom he portrayed on several medals. Warin was working on a series of historic medals of Louis XIV when death cut his life short.

84

Armand Jean du Plessis 1585-1642, *Cardinal de Richelieu* 1622-42
Silver medal, 77 mm. diam., 1630

· ARMANDVS IOANNES CARDINALIS DE RICHELIEV Bust with short beard in very high relief to right, wearing skullcap. Pearled border.



Rev. TANDEM VICTA SEQVOR Francia holding sword of justice and palm branch, seated in a quadriga, driven to left by Fama, who is blowing trumpet to which is attached a banner with the coat of arms of Richelieu. Fortuna is chained to the back of the quadriga, while Victory is flying overhead, crowning Francia. Under curved exergue line: · I · WARIN · | · 1630 · Pearled border.

Tresor, Med. Franc., XXI, 3
Loebbecke Coll., no. 215 (bronze)
Gallet Coll., no. 166 (bronze)
Forrer, VI, 369



Hill, *Medals of the Renaissance*, p. 148, writes: "Jean's portrait of Richelieu is brilliant in its bold handling of the relief," pl. xxvi, 7 (British Museum specimen, bronze with the date removed)
Bernhart, *Medaillen und Plaketten*, p. 33

BERTINET seventeenth century, worked for Louis XIV

85

Michel Le Tellier 1603-85, French statesman, Minister under Louis XIV and Mazarin, later Chancellor of France

Bronze medal, 132 mm. diam., 1678

MICHA (rosette) LETELLIER (rosette) FR (rosette) CANCELLA-RIVS (rosette) 1678 On granulated band. Bust right, wearing robe, skullcap and decoration, all within a laurel wreath.

No reverse.

GERMAN MEDALS

ALBRECHT DÜRER 1471-1528

Only a few medals have been attributed to Dürer, but a number of others as well as some plaquettes are based on his designs. An outstanding example is a plaquette of *The Entombment* (no. 184).

86

Lucretia, formerly described as Agnes Dürer, the artist's wife

Lead medal, 55 mm. diam., 1508

Female head with open flowing hair, slightly inclined to left, almost facing front. In the field, to the left: 1508; to the right, the Dürer monogram: D within A.

No reverse.

Habich, *Corpus*, I, 1; no. 14, pl. 11, 2; and fig. 5

Lanna Coll., no. 908, pl. 42

Will, p. 369

Sallet, p. 25

Sallet, *Zeitschrift f. Numismatik* (Berlin), 11 (1875), p. 362 ff.

Erman, pl. 1, 1

Merzbacher Coll., 1914, no. 37

Paris, *Cabinet des Medailles*, fig. 5

Provenance: Dr. Jacob Hirsch Estate

CHRISTOPH WEIDITZ ac. c. 1523-c. 1541

A native of Strassburg, Weiditz settled in Augsburg in 1526, and from there made various trips abroad. He modelled his Cortez medal in Spain in 1529.

Weiditz, like many other of his contemporaries, carved the models for his medals in boxwood. Many of his portraits show a marked affinity in style to those of Hans Holbein the Younger.



87

Hernan Cortez 1485-1547, Conquistador

Bronze medal, 56 mm. diam., 1529

DON · FERDINANDO · CORTES · MD · XXIX · ANNO · ETATIS · XXXXII · Bust facing front, slightly turned towards the right, with long hair and short, straight-cut beard, wearing loose gown and flat biretta.



Rev. IVDICIVM · DNI · APPREHENDIT · EOS | ET · FORTITVDO · EIVS | CORROBORAVIT | BRACHIVM · MEVM Divine arm issuing from clouds.

Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 1, no. 376, pl. XLIX, 4
 Domanig, *Deutsche Medaille*, no. 100
 Berlin, *Amtliche Berichte*, p. 52
 Babelon, no. 152

The reverse refers to the Spanish victory over the Aztecs.

FRIEDRICH HAGENAUER ac. c. 1525-c. 1544

Hagenauer was one of the most prolific of the classical German medalists. Born at Strassburg, he settled in Augsburg in 1527. His success aroused the jealousy of the guild of painters and sculptors of Augsburg, and since he was not a member of the guild, they attempted to restrict his activity. He contended, however, that medallic art was a free art, and therefore not subject to guild law. It would appear that the guild won out, for by 1532 he was working again in Strassburg.

Hagenauer was an efficient craftsman and his medals portray the sitter with remarkable precision. Great care is taken to show every detail of face and dress. Although a sculptor as well, he is known mainly as a medallist and, in his own terms, "sought to earn his bread as a medallist."

88

Unknown Humanist (in the past tentatively identified as Menno van Friesland 1492-1559)

Silver medal, 56 mm. diam., c. 1539
 Bust facing left, wearing beret and ecclesiastical gown. Granulated field.
 Rev. Later engraving: D. MARTINUS. LUTHERUS. Open Bible on altar.

Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 1, no. 633, pl. LXXVIII, 11
 Van Mieris, II, 251
 Juncker, p. 535
 Lanna Coll., III, no. 1211, pl. 50

89

Philipp Melancthon 1497-1560, Reformation leader and humanist
 Bronze medal, 38 mm. diam., 1543

PHILIPPVS · MELANTHON · ANNO · AETATIS · SVAE · XLVII
 Bust left, bareheaded and bearded with long hair, wearing gown. In the field, artist's signature: FH.

Rev. In five lines: PSAL · 36 | SVBDITVS ESTO | DEO ET ORA EVM | ANNO · | M. D. XXXXIII.

Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 1, no. 651, pl. LXXX, 1
 Juncker, p. 145
Tresor, Med. All., XVI, 3
 Lanna Coll., III, no. 930
 Loebbecke Coll., Amsterdam 1929, no. 246, pl. XVII

JOACHIM DESCHLER ac. as medallist 1540-c. 1569

Although Deschler spent two years as a student in Italy, his medallic pro-

ductions are thoroughly German in every respect. A typical example is the extraordinary portrait of the well-nourished, Nürnberg sexton, Hieronymus Paumgartner, which possesses all the realism so characteristic of German medallic art (no. 90).

Little is known about Deschler's place of birth. He became a Nürnberg citizen in 1537, attended various "Reichstag" sessions in order to practice his art there, and worked for Archduke Maximilian, the future Emperor. In the latter part of the fifties he went to Vienna and entered into the permanent employ of the art-loving Emperor, who raised him to the rank of "Imperial sculptor."

90

Hieronymus Paumgartner 1497-1565, Nürnberg church-warden

Bronze medal, 66.5 mm. diam., 1553

HIERONYMVS · PAVMGARTNER · ANNO · AETATIS · 56 · Bust front, bald-headed and with side-whiskers, wearing gown over loose shirt. All within border of leaves. On truncation: 1553.



Rev. IN · VMBRA · ALARVM · TVARVM · SPERABO · DONEC · TRANSEAT · INIQVITAS · Helmeted coat of arms on drapery. Border of leaves.

Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 2, no. 1611, pl. CLXXIII, 7
 Imhof, 608, 3
 Koehler, xv, 137
Tresor, Med. All., pl. III, 10
 Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 297, pl. XIX
 Lanna Coll., III, no. 1015, pl. 45
 Rosenheim Coll., no. 433

Provenance: Dr. Jacob Hirsch Estate



Johann Neudoerfer 1497-1563, "Schreib-und Rechenmeister" in Nürnberg

Silver medal with old fire-gilding, 24 mm. diam., 1554

IOHANN : NEVDORFFER · ARITHM : AET: SVE. LVII Bust right, with long hair, wearing gown with small ruffled collar. Pearled border. On truncation: 1554.

Rev. INDVSTRIAM · ADIVVAT · DEVS Helmeted coat of arms. Pearled border.

Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 2, no. 1617, pl. CLXXIV, 4

Imhof, 849, 8

Tresor, Med. All., pl. xxxii, 1

Domanig, *Jahrbuch* (Vienna), xiv, 32, no. 22, pl. v

Frankfurter Münzzeitung, 1903, p. 496, pl. 22, 8

Felix Coll., no. 187

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 305, pl. xx

Lanna Coll., 111, no. 1016, pl. 45

Domanig, *Deutsche Medaille*, no. 162

JOACHIM DESCHLER, SCHOOL OF

92

Frederick von Wirsberg Bishop of Würzburg 1558-73

Silver medal with old fire-gilding, 27 mm. diam., 1572

FRIDERICVS · D · G · EPS · WIRCEBVRG · Bust facing three-quarters right, with long hair, wearing biretta, fur-lined cloak over gown, and jewelled chain. In the field: 15 - 7Z.

Rev. AETATIS · SVAE · 65 · FRANCIAE ORIENTALIS DVX · Under three helmets, the quadripartite shield.

Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 2, no. 1682, pl. CLXXXI, 1

L. & L. Hamburger, 1891, no. 1200

Provenance: Vogel Coll., no. 140, pl. 15

MICHAEL HOHENAUER, first half of the sixteenth century

Probably a native of Prague, he held a variety of positions at the mint in his home town and in Vienna. The artist's date of death is believed to have been about 1558.

93

Louis II 1506-26, King of Hungary 1516-26, and *his wife Maria*, sister of Charles V

Silver medal, with old fire-gilding, 41 mm. diam., 1526

LVDOVIC · VNGA · EC · REX · CONTRA · TVRCA · PVGNANDO · OCCVBVIT · Bust left, with long hair and short beard, wearing broad-rimmed hat, fur-lined mantle over pleated gown, and the sash with the Golden Fleece. In the field: · 1 · 5 · - Z6 | ETATIS - SVE · 30 ·

Rev. MARIA · REGINA · EC · QVOS · DEVS · CONIVNXIT · HOMO · NON · SEPERET · Bust left, wearing wire cap and double necklace over bodice.

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 1; compare no. 1897, pl. cci, 1 (her bust to right)

Lanna Coll., 111, no. 659

Donebauer Coll., no. 980

Forrer, 11, 518 (ill.): "Fiala considers this medal as the artist's best production; it is executed with special care and is a remarkable piece of workmanship, of characteristic style."

Louis (Lajos) II was the last of the Jagiello Dynasty, ruling the two kingdoms of Hungary and Bohemia. In the Battle of Mohacs, 1526, commemorated by this medal, his army was utterly destroyed and he was killed by the Turks under Suleiman I, who used artillery in open battle for the first time in history. Through a marriage treaty concluded by his father Wladislas II, the crowns of Hungary and Bohemia passed to Louis's brother-in-law, Ferdinand of Hapsburg, resulting in the union which was to last four centuries between Hungary, Bohemia, and the Hapsburg lands.

HANS REINHART THE ELDER ac. as medallist 1535-74

Probably one of the best-known Renaissance medallists of the Saxonian School.

Reinhart's hallmark is the technique of casting various portions of the

medal separately and, by soldering, joining them onto the design, in order to achieve a three-dimensional effect. An example of this method are the leaves of the Tree of Wisdom on the *Fall of Man* medal (no. 95). Reinhart's extraordinary technical skill won him great praise. His products are considered masterpieces of craftsmanship.

In 1539 Reinhart settled in Leipzig. Prior to that time, he may have been a pupil of Lucas Cranach, whose influence is apparent in his work.

94

John Frederick 1503-54, Elector of Saxony 1532-47

Silver medal, 66 mm. diam., 1535

IOANNS · FRIDERICVS · ELECTOR · DVX · SAXONIE · FIERI · FE · CIT · ETATIS · SVAE · 32 Bearded half-bust almost facing front, holding the electoral sword and hat; wearing necklace and fur cloak over loose gown, the collar of which is embroidered: REN ALS IN EREN ·

Rev. SPES · MEA · IN · DEO · EST · ANNO · NOSTRI · SALVATORIS · M · D · X · X · X · V Triple-helmeted large coat of arms with the electoral shield (two crossed swords) in the center.

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 1, no. 1935, pl. cciv, 3 and 3a

Tentzel, *Ernestine Line*, pl. 7, 1

Domanig, *Deutsche Medaille*, no. 154

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 562, pl. xxxi

Lanna Coll., 111, no. 861, pl. 40

The portrait on this medal is based on a woodcut by Lucas Cranach (Gotha Landesmuseum), made about 1533 (cf. Geisberg, *Einblattholzschnitte*, no. x111, 14).

95

Fall of Man | *Crucifixion*

Silver medal, 68.5 mm. diam., 1536

ET · SICVT · IN · ADAM · OMNES · MORIVNTVR · ITA · ET · IN · CHRISTVM · OMNES VIVIFICAVNTVR · VNVS · QVISQVE · IN · ORDINE · SVO · Adam and Eve, surrounded by the animals of Paradise including a unicorn, under the Tree of Wisdom, the foliage of which is soldered to the medal (typical of Reinhart's early work). In the background, left, the creation of Eve; right, the expulsion from Paradise. In the left field the electoral shield of Saxony, in the right, the ducal shield Underneath, on a ribbon: IOANNS · FRIDERICVS · ELECTOR · DVX · SAXONIE · FIERI · FECIT



Rev. VT · MOSES · EREXIT · SERPETE · ITA · CHRIS · IN · CRVCE · EXALTATVS · ET · RESVSCITATVS · CAPVT · SERPENTIS · CON · TRIVIT · SALVARET · CREDENTES · Christ on the cross between the two thieves. Below, Mary, St. John, and mercenaries. In the background, left, the Church; right, the Resurrection. Under the cross, the artist's signature: H R and 1536. Below, on a ribbon: SPES · MEA · IN · DEO · EST ·

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 1, no. 1968, pl. ccxi, 1, 3 and 4

Tentzel, *Ernestine Line*, pl. viii, 1

Domanig, *Deutsche Medaille*, no. 762

Philipp Adolf von Ehrenberg Bishop of Würzburg 1623-31

Oval silver medal with old fire-gilding, H. 37 mm., W. 31.5 mm., 1623
 PHILIPP : ADOLPH : D · G : EPS WIRCEB · FR · OR · DVX Bust three-quarters to right, bareheaded and with long hair, square-cut beard and moustache, wearing broad-collared brocaded gown, buttoned in center.

Rev. Without legend. Helmeted shield, quadripartite with the coats of arms of Ehrenberg and the Diocese of Würzburg; above, 1623. Original suspension loop.

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 1, no. 2799, pl. cCLXXIV, 3

Schulthess-Rechberg Coll., no. 2832

GEORG HOLDERMANN, SCHOOL OF

99

Hugo Donellus (Doneau) 1527-91, famed law scholar

Oval lead medal, H. 52 mm., W. 40 mm., 1590

· HVGO · DONELLVS · IC · CL · PROF · ALDORP · AET · SVAE · 64 · AN · 90 · Bust facing front, in very high relief, wearing skullcap, ruff collar, and coat with fur collar over buttoned gown.



No reverse.

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 1, no. 2807, pl. cCLXXIV, 12

Will, 111, no. 401, f

Koehler, vii, 385

Mazzuchelli, 1, pl. xcv, 7

Domanig, *Deutsche Medaille*, no. 245

Imhof, 11, 715, no. 21

UNIDENTIFIED ARTISTS

NÜRNBERG(?), SIXTEENTH CENTURY

100

Portrait of a Patrician

Oval wax medallion, H. 95 mm., W. 72 mm.

Portrait of a Nürnberg patrician almost facing front, with short hair and long broad beard, wearing black embroidered coat with white ruff collar.

In contemporary fire-gilded bronze case, adorned with fruit volutes, elaborate scrollwork with putto in center. Outside case height: 157 mm.; width: 90 mm.

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 1, no. 2820 (this specimen)

Sonderausstellung catalogue, 1939/40, Kunstmuseum Bern, no. 42 (ill.) (this specimen)

Unique.

Provenance: Spitzer Coll., Paris 1890, v, p. 191, no. 10

Spitzer Coll., London 1893, 11, no. 2959, pl. LVI

Lanna Coll., 11, no. 187, pl. 18

Pick Coll., Budapest

Delmar Coll., Budapest



Lanna Coll., 111, no. 1290, pl. 53

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 567, pl. xxxi

Van Mieris, 11, 447

Mueller-Lebanon Coll., no. 88, pl. ix

Forrer, v, pp. 78, 79 (ill.)

Provenance: Dr. Jacob Hirsch Estate

96

Fall of Man | *Crucifixion*

Silver medal, with old fire-gilding, 56 mm. diam.

Similar to the last, but without the circular legends. In the obverse field: MVLIER · DEDIT · MIHI · ET · COMEDI · GE · Z · In the reverse field: MISERERE · NOBIS · DOMINE

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 1, no. 1969, pl. ccviii, 2

Tentzel, *Ernestine Line*, pl. 8, 11

Lanna Coll., 111, no. 1288, pl. 53

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 569, pl. xxxi

VALENTIN MALER ac. c. 1563-93

A native of Moravia, Maler's chief center of activity for 35 years was Nürnberg. He was the son-in-law of the famous Nürnberg goldsmith, Wenzel Jamnitzer. Thanks to this relationship, he obtained by special favor of the Nürnberg Town Council the privileges of a mastership.

The number of medals by the artist's hand is most impressive; yet in spite of his diligence he died a poor man, leaving his widow 1100 gulden in debt. His house was inherited by his son Christian, along with its unpaid mortgage of 1900 gulden.

97

Matthaeus Fetzer c. 1527-83, Nürnberg Councilman 1556

Silver medal, 29 mm. diam., 1576

MATHEVS FETZER · AET : LI 1576 Bearded bust, three-quarters facing right, wearing gown with high ruff collar.

Rev. ALL MEIN HOFNVNG ZV GOT Helmeted coat of arms, surrounded by three smaller shields.

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 1, no. 2509; pl. cCL1, 6

Will, 1v, 299

Binder, 573, 20

Delbecke Coll., no. 822

Provenance: Trau Coll., no. 1761, pl. ix

Gallet Coll., no. 105, pl. x

GEORG HOLDERMANN Nürnberg 1585-1629

A goldsmith, medallist, and wax modeller, Holdermann's medallic work dates from between 1610 and 1629. He also seems to have been connected with the production of coins, as evidenced by a Nürnberg Council ordinance of 1620.



SOUTH GERMAN c. 1530

101

Anna von Frundsberg Countess of Lodron, second wife of Feldhauptmann Georg von Frundsberg

Checker, ground marble on light wood, 50 mm. diam.

ANNA · GEORGI · IN · FRVNTSPERG · VXOR Bust left, wearing widow's veil (her husband died in 1527) and wide gown over pleated bodice.

cf. Habich, *Jahrbuch* 28, 1907, pl. J 8

cf. *Lanna Coll.*, 11, no. 65, pl. 9

A wooden model by Friedrich Hagenauer with Anna's portrait is recorded in Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 1, no. 541, ill. 101.

102

Emerentiana von Tannhausen married 1521

Checker, ground marble on light wood, 50 mm. diam.

Bust, three-quarters facing, wearing pleated bonnet with plain wide border, cloak with shoulder collar over bodice.

cf. Habich, *Jahrbuch* 28, 1907, pl. J 8

cf. *Lanna Coll.*, 11, no. 65, pl. 9

For portrait, cf. Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 2, no. 1315, pl. cxlviii, 1

103

Sybille of Saxony married 1527, d. 1554

Checker, ground marble on light wood, 50 mm. diam.

SIBILA · IOHANNI · FRIDERICHI · DVCIS · VXOR · SAXONIAE Bust three-quarters facing, wearing wire cap, necklace with pendant, gown with pleated sleeves over bodice.

cf. Habich, *Jahrbuch* 28, 1907, pl. J 8

cf. *Lanna Coll.*, 11, no. 65, pl. 8

104

Euphrosina de Chamemilon

Checker, ground marble on light wood, 50 mm. diam.

EVPHROSINA · DE · CHAMEMILON Bust facing left, wearing bonnet with round ornament in center, necklace with pendant, and cloak over embroidered bodice.

cf. Habich, *Jahrbuch* 28, 1907, pl. J 8

cf. *Lanna Coll.*, 11, no. 65, pl. 9

105

Frederick Behaim von Schwarzbach 1491-1533, Nürnberg Councilman

Checker, ground marble on ebony, 50 mm. diam.

Bust right, with beard and moustache, wearing wire cap and mantle with broad shoulder collar over high-closed, pleated gown.

cf. *Lanna Coll.*, 11, no. 66, pl. 8

For portrait, cf. Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 2, no. 936, pl. cxiv, 10.

106

Portrait of a Patrician (probably Wolfgang Vitil, Augsburg 1495-1540)

Checker, ground marble on ebony, 50 mm. diam.

Bust, three-quarters facing, with moustache and square beard, wearing brocaded coat over gown, and round wire cap.

cf. *Lanna Coll.*, 11, no. 66, pl. 8

For portrait, cf. Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 1, no. 485, pl. lxiv, 7.

107

Portrait of a Humanist (possibly Johann Caesarius, Ph.D. and M.D., born Juelich 1468)

Checker, ground marble on ebony, 50 mm. diam.

Bust, three-quarters facing, with long hair and beard, wearing scholastic gown and hat.

cf. *Lanna Coll.*, 11, no. 66, pl. 8

Caesarius is portrayed on a medal, dated 1543, recorded in Habich, *Corpus*, 1, 1, no. 661, pl. lxxxii, 8.

108

Portrait of an Unknown Mohammedan (probably a Turkish grand vizier)

Checker, ground marble on ebony, 50 mm. diam.

Bust right, wearing turban, earring, mantle with embroidered shoulder collar over pleated gown.

cf. *Lanna Coll.*, 11, no. 66, pl. 8

SOUTH GERMAN, 1556

109

Hieronymus Allgaeuer b. 1509

Kehlheim stone model, 42 mm. diam., 1556 (in later wooden frame)



HIERONYMVS · ALLGOEWER · XVIIIL · IAR · ALT · A · MDLVI · Bearded bust facing front, bareheaded, wearing fur-lined coat with high collar turned down. Around the neck, a chain with medallion.

Provenance: Merzbacher Coll., Munich 1900, no. 346, pl. 111

Neuburg Coll., no. 168, pl. xxii

BALDUIN DRENTWETT c. 1545-1627

Frisian by birth, Drentwett's home was in Augsburg from the early seventies, although he travelled widely in the practice of his art. He is assumed to have employed a considerable number of assistants, including some of lesser renown and ability. After 1612, Drentwett's productivity lessened, but several medals from the years 1612 to 1620 may still have come from his workshop.

110

Georg Mylius born in Augsburg 1548 (as Georg Miler), Professor of Theology in Wittenberg, d. 1607

Bronze medal with old gilding, 41 mm. diam., c. 1579

D · GEORGIVS MYLIVS · AVG AET · 31 Bust with moustache and small pointed beard, almost facing front, wearing high-closed robe with ruff collar; granulated field. Cable border.

Rev. D · MARTINVS LVTERVS Bust of Luther three-quarters right; granulated field. Cable border.

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 1, no. 2943

Delbecke Coll., no. 864

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 369

Rosenheim Coll., no. 464

Archiv, 4 (1913/14), p. 188, pl. xv, 10

The reverse of this medal is by Valentin Maler, and was copied by Drentwett.

111

Charles I 1560-1600, Count Palatine 1569-1600

Gold medal, 23.5 mm. diam., 1591

CAR · D · G · CO · PA · RHE · BA · DV · C · V · E · S Bareheaded bust with short beard and moustache, three-quarters facing right, wearing ruff collar and double chain.

Rev. ANNO DO MI MDXCI Minerva standing on a book, holding a palm branch and crowning Patientia who caresses a lamb; at her feet a mirror.

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 1, no. 2991, pl. cclxxxv11, 3

Exter, 11, 144, no. 102

Spiess, 1v, 363

Streber, p. 7, fig. 1

ANTONIO ABONDIO 1538-91

Abondio was of Lombard, perhaps Milanese, origin. His father, Alessandro Abondio, was a celebrated wax modeller during the first half of the sixteenth century, and a pupil of Michelangelo. It was the elder Abondio who introduced young Antonio into the art of modelling and undoubtedly imparted much of his genius to his son.

In 1565 Antonio left his native land and travelled across the Alps. A year later we find him in the employ of Emperor Maximilian II, whom the artist portrayed on a number of medals. With the exception of occasional visits to The Netherlands, Spain, Bavaria, and Northern Italy, Antonio spent nearly all of his life in Prague and Vienna.

Upon the death of Maximilian, Rudolf II secured the artist's services and, like his father, continued to bestow many favors on him.



Antonio Abondio occupies a rank of honor among the medallists of his age. His medals show a blend of Italian and German art.

112

Maximilian II of Hapsburg 1527-76, Emperor 1564-76

Silver medal with old fire-gilding, 61 mm. diam., c. 1575, in frame with three chains ending in one ring. The frame has the Viennese inspection stamp used from the end of the sixteenth century to 1674 (Rosenberg no. 5065) and the monogram AL.

IMP:CAES: MAXIMIL:II:AVG: Bust right, bareheaded and bearded,

wearing armor, coat, and the sash of the Golden Fleece. In the lower left field, the artist's signature: AN:AB:

Rev. Mounted St. George, helmeted and bearded, galloping to right, spearing the dragon.

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 2, 3412 note (this specimen described and illustrated) *Archiv*, 111, 3/4 (1921/22), p. 91

Dr. V. Katz in *Berliner Münzblätter*, 1930, p. 17 (this specimen described and illustrated): "A work by Antonio Abondio, hitherto unknown, which is different from the other reverses of his medals, but which does not hide the artistic hand of this master. The bearded representation of St. George, usually shown as a young man, is perhaps connected with the portrait of the Emperor on the obverse. The medal is undated, but is close to the one on Johann Khevenhueller (Fiala no. 25, pl. 111, 3), made around 1571. Minerva on the reverse of that medal wears a similar armor as St. George here. As Maximilian's portrait also appears on another medal together with that of Maria dated 1575 (Fiala no. 38, pl. 11, 3), this present Maximilian medal with the St. George reverse originated probably between the years 1571 and 1575. The tinsmith, Caspar Enderlein, has used this St. George design by Abondio on a tin plate (illustrated in H. Demiani, *Francois Briot, Caspar Enderlein und das Edelmetall*, Leipzig 1897)."

Unique

Provenance: Dr. Viktor Katz Coll.



113

Maximilian II

Silver medal, 24.5 mm. diam., 1570

· MAXIMILI · II · ROM I S AV Bearded and laureate bust left, wearing ruff collar, armor and drapery, and the sash with the Golden Fleece.

Rev. · DOMINVS · 15 · 70 · PROVIDEBIT · Facing eagle with spread wings holding a globe.

Habich, *Corpus*, 11, 2, no. 3438, pl. cccxxi, 9

Lanna Coll., 111, no. 721

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 560

L. Hamburger, 1922, no. 136
Herrgott, III, pl. IX, 41
Donebauer Coll., no. 1232

PAULUS VAN VIANEN ac. c. 1592-1612

Born at or near Utrecht into a family of artists, together with his brother Adam, Paulus received his early training from his father, an able goldsmith, and a certain Cornelius Elertz of Munich. Thereafter he continued to develop his talents in Rome. He was falsely denounced to the Inquisition and imprisoned for several months.

Upon his release, about 1596, Paulus left for Munich where, according to a record in the goldsmiths' annals, he was received as "Master" in 1599. In 1603, the artist's services were secured by Emperor Rudolf II, for a monthly salary of twenty gulden (most other artists in the Imperial employ received only ten gulden). His principal works belong to this Imperial period in Prague.

Paulus van Vianen's products have been compared to those of Cellini because of their excellence of workmanship and finish. The artist died of the plague in 1613.

114

Rudolf II of Hapsburg 1552-1612, Emperor 1576-1612

Oval silver medal with old fire-gilding, H. 38 mm., W. 46 mm.

RVDOLPHVS II ROM IMP AVG REX HVNG BOE Bearded bust facing front, wearing laurel wreath, cuirass, ruff collar and sash with the order of the Golden Fleece.



Rev. FIRMAVIT OMEN Capricorn over globe; above, the Hapsburg eagle winging toward the sun.

Original loop for wearing. Hung with pearl.

Habich, *Corpus*, II, 2, no. 3555 (this specimen)

Unique.

Provenance: Trau Coll., no. 615, pl. 111

Belli Coll., no. 6389

UNIDENTIFIED ARTIST, SIXTEENTH CENTURY

115

Louis VI Count Palatine 1576-83

Silver medal with old gilding, H. 35 mm., W. 31 mm., 1580

LVD · D · G · CO · PA · ELE · A · D · Z · Bareheaded and bearded bust right, wearing ruff collar and drapery. Pearled border.

Rev. VINCES · VIRTUTE · VIVENTIS · 1580 The Resurrection. Pearled border. Suspension loop.

Exter, I, 58, no. 51

RUPRECHT NICLAS KITZKATZ Dresden, ac. c. 1615-33

116

Sophia of Brandenburg 1568-1622, wife of Christian I, Elector of Saxony

Oval silver medal, H. 39 mm., W. 30 mm., 1622

D · G · SOPHIA · NAT · MAR · BRAN · DVC SAX · ELE : Veiled bust left, wearing ruff collar and jewel on triple chain.

Rev. SEREN · D · D · IOH · GEORG · ELECT · SAX · IN · MATR · CHARISS · In the field, under an angel's head: NAT: 6 JUN : | 1568 | MOR: 7 DEC: | 1622 | PIETAS

Schulthess-Rechberg Coll., no. 4688

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 698, pl. xxxv

Tentzel, pl. xxII, 9

Berlin, *Ämtliche Berichte*, no. 78

Engelhardt, no. 420

SEBASTIAN DADLER ac. 1619-54

A goldsmith and a foremost medallist of the seventeenth century, Dadler was born at Strassburg, but was active chiefly at Augsburg, Nürnberg, Hamburg, and Dresden. At Augsburg he held the title of "First Goldsmith to the Imperial Court," and there attained considerable celebrity.

At a later stage in his career, Dadler worked for the Electoral Court of Saxony, where he executed various articles of plate in repoussé work for John George I. So great was Dadler's reputation, that many princely houses of Europe eagerly tried to enlist his services. The latter part of his life was spent at Dresden, where he died, presumably in 1654.

117

Christ and St. Paul

Silver medal, 43 mm. diam., 1625

(italics) CHRISTUM HAT GOTT FURGESTELT ZU EINEM GNADENSTUEL The Savior, haloed, wearing the crown of thorns. To the left, a mercenary; to the right, St. Paul. Underneath: 1625.

Rev. (italics) JESUS HAT SICH ZUM LOSEGELT BEIM HIMLISCHEN VATTER DARGESTELT FUR ALLE SUND DER GANTZEN WELT within foliate wreath. Underneath, the artist's signature: S - D ·

118

Frederick III 1609-70, King of Denmark 1648-70

Oval silver medal, H. 58 mm., W. 48 mm., 1648

FRIDERICUS III. D G. DAN. NORW. GOT. VAND REX. DUX SL. HOLST. DIT. COM. IN OLD. & DELM. Within a baroque cartouche, the King's bust, three-quarters facing, wearing wig, lace collar, drapery over cuirass, with lion's head on shoulder, on the breast the Order of the Elephant. Below, the artist's initials: S - D and 16 - 48.

Rev. SEHT WIE DER FRIED IEZ ZIERT DIE WELT DA FRIDRICH KROHN UND SCEPTER HELT On a pedestal Pax seated, holding the raying Sun, palm branch and an open book inscribed: DAS HOEHESTE GUT, her feet resting on a globe.

Danske Mynter og Medailler, pl. 1, no. 5

Domanig, *Deutsche Medaille*, no. 329

Commemorates the King's accession and the conclusion of the Peace of Westphalia.

SEBASTIAN DADLER, SCHOOL OF

119

Christ Showing the Stigmata

Silver medal, 36 mm. diam., 1625

VULNER · CHRISTI Christ, wearing the crown of thorns, showing the stigmata. Below: 1625.

Rev. NOSTRA MEDELA Winged archangel, carrying the cross. In the background, rooster on column.

JOHANN JAKOB KORNMANN also known as GIOVANNI JACOPO CORMANO first half of the seventeenth century

Kornmann was born in Augsburg, but his enthusiasm led him to Italy, where he italianized his name. He worked with great success at Venice and Rome. It was his misfortune to fall into the hands of the Inquisition at Rome and thus lose his goods and liberty. The style and the finish of his medals are of great precision.

Christian William of Brandenburg 1587-1665, Archbishop of Magdeburg 1608-31, Bishop of Halberstadt

Oval silver medal, H. 41 mm., W. 31 mm., 1627

V G G C W P A B E V S M : V H P : G M Z B I P H (Von Gottes Gnaden, Christian Wilhelm, Postulierter Administrator beider Erz- Und Stift Magdeburg Und Halberstadt, Primas Germaniae, Markgraf Zu Brandenburg, In Preussen Herzog). Bearded bust, three-quarters facing, bareheaded, wearing lace collar and drapery over cuirass. Underneath: 1627

Rev. In four lines: THVE RECHT | FVRCHTE GOTT | VND NIE-
MANTS | MEHR

Suspension loop.

Berlin, *Amtliche Berichte*, p. 43, no. 111, pl. 13 (specimen from the H. Hauswaldt Coll.)

This is the second recorded specimen.

UNIDENTIFIED ARTISTS, SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

121

Gustav II Adolf 1594-1632, King of Sweden 1611-32

Silver medal, 63 mm. diam., 1629

GVSTAVVS ADOLP: D:G: SVEC: GOTH: WAND: Q: REX. Laureate bust with pointed beard and moustache, three-quarters facing right, wearing lace collar and military sash over cuirass. Broad foliate border.

Rev. In six lines, arranged in the shape of the divine eye: DEVM COLE | AVRVM CONTEMNE | VIRTVTEM SECTARE | ARGENTVM SPERNE | PATRIAM DEFENDE | 16Z9, all under the glorified name of God in Hebrew letters. Broad foliate border.

Hildebrand, 1, no. 73

Oldenburg Coll., no. 359

Schultze Coll., no. 82

Commemorates his victories in the Thirty Years' War.

Provenance: Crona Coll., no. 75

122

Gustav II Adolf

Oval bronze medal, H. 45 mm., W. 27 mm., 1629

GVSTAVVS ADOLP : D : G : SVEC : GOTH : WAND : Q : REX
Laureate bust to right, with short beard, wearing lace collar and drapery over cuirass.

Rev. The Hebrew name of God ET VICTRICIBVS ARMIS ("Deo et victricibus armis" was the motto of Gustav Adolf.) Religion and Svecia standing at a column, between anchor and lion (referring to the King's successful landing in Germany).

Hildebrand, 1, no. 87

Provenance: Crona Coll., no. 81

123

Ferdinand III of Hapsburg 1608-57, Emperor 1637-57, Victor of the Battle of Noerdlingen 1634

Silver medal with old fire-gilding, 56 mm. diam., c. 1634-36

FERD. III. D. G. ROM. HVNG. BOHEM. R. ARCHID. AVSTR. DVX. BVRGV. LVCENBVRG. SILES: STYR. CARINT. CARN. WIRTEBN. MARCHIO. MORA. LVSAT. COMES. HABSP. TIROL: EC (title as King of the Romans, Hungarians, Bohemians, etc., thus before his election as Emperor, 1637). Within double circle of legend, two putti hold crown over a medallion surrounded by the chain of the Golden Fleece, showing Ferdinand, bareheaded, with long hair and pointed beard, wearing lace collar and drapery over cuirass.

Rev. QVAMVIS OCCVMBAS · FELIX OCCVMBIS : IN IPSO STARE TVAM EFFIGIEM. SOL ORIENTE VIDES On a river in a mountainous landscape, over which the sun rises, haloed St. Peter guides his boat through the waves; before him, on the Bible the crossed keys and the Papal tiara; the Hapsburg eagle perched on the sceptre. Above, SERENITATIS NVNCIA. Suspension loop.

This medal commemorates the short-lived Hapsburg successes in the

Thirty Years' War. After Ferdinand's election as Emperor, things took a turn for the worse, until Ferdinand had to assent to the Peace of Westphalia, 1648.

JOHANN BLUM ac. 1631-60

A resident of Bremen, Blum made a number of medals for the Houses of Saxony, Brunswick, and Orange.

124

Bernhard of Saxe-Weimar 1604-39

Silver medal, 53 mm. diam., 1638

HEROIS HUIUS NOMINA IN CUNCTA CLARENT SECVLA. Within an elaborate baroque cartouche, bust of Bernhard, three-quarters facing left, wearing cuirass, lace collar and sash, and holding staff. Around (in italics) Magni ducis Bernhardi Saxon. Weim. effigies. Under the cartouche, the artist's signature: Blum.

Rev. BRISACH FORTIS SED FORTIOR DEUS FVIT ET WEIMARIUS · 1638 · View of the city of Breisach across the Rhine, showing its system of fortifications.

Tentzel, pl. xxxix, 3

Reimmann Coll., no. 6372

Forrer, 1, 201

Commemorates Bernhard's capture of Breisach.

Provenance: Crona Coll., no. 189

JOHANN BARTHOLOMAEUS BRAUN Nürnberg, ac. c. 1636-1674

The artist was married to Anna Maria Pfruentd, the daughter of another well-known medallist, and a medallist in her own right.

125

Sigmund Gabriel Holzschuher 1575-1642, Nürnberg Councilman 1606

Lead medal, 51 mm. diam., 1642

SIGM:GABRIEL HOLZSCHVHER · AE: 67 · Bust three-quarters facing right, bareheaded with square-cut beard, wearing large ruff collar and gown. The portrait realistically shows a large wart on the forehead.

Rev. SPE GLORIAE HVMILIS Helmeted shield, to the sides, 16-42.

Forrer, 1, 269/270

Lanna Coll., III, no. 1123, pl. 48

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 625

Felix Coll., no. 136 (probably this specimen)

Imhof, p. 394, 14

Will, II, 305

JOHANN BUCHHEIM 1624-83

Buchheim worked for Bishop Charles Ferdinand of Breslau, the city of Breslau, the Dukes of Silesia-Liegnitz-Brieg, and for John George of Saxony.

126

George III Duke of Silesia, Liegnitz, and Brieg 1639-64

Oval silver medal, H. 39 mm., W. 37 mm.

D : G : GEORG : DUX SIL · L · & B : SUPREMAE · PER · SIL · PRAEF · ADMINISTR: Bust facing front, wearing wig, drapery over cuirass, with lion's head on right shoulder. Below: artist's signature I B, all within foliate frame.

Rev. · SORS · MEA · A · DOMINO Under three helmets and on baroque cartouche the quadripartite Liegnitz-Brieg shield.

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 713

Friedensburg und Seger, no. 1827

Forrer, 1, 305/306

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127

Leopold I of Hapsburg 1640-1705, Emperor 1658-1705

Gold medal, H. 52 mm., W. 44 mm., no date (1658)

LEOPOLDVS. D G. ROM. IMPERATOR Laureate and armored bust to right, wearing sash of the Golden Fleece and drapery over shoulder.

Rev. CONSILIO · ET · INDVSTRIA The divine eye, over a crowned globe on which is a castle and a rock. To the sides, two arms extending from heaven holding sword and sceptre. Granulated field. Original suspension loop.

Joseph und Fellner, 1888

Commemorates the Emperor's coronation at Frankfurt.

Provenance: Dr. Paul Julius Coll.

JOHANN HOEHN Danzig c. 1637-93

The artist worked for the Danzig mint, the Electoral court of Brandenburg, and various other courts.

128

John Casimir 1609-72, King of Poland 1648-68

Silver medal, 69 mm. diam., 1658

IOANNES CASIMIRUS D. G. POLONIAE & SUECIAE REX etc. Laureate bust with long hair to right, wearing armor, drapery, and the sash of the Golden Fleece. Under the truncation, artist's signature: I H.

Rev. (rosette) NUMINIS AUSPICYS ET REGIS FORTIBUS ARMIS. THORUNUM PRISCO REDDITUR OBSEQUIO. View of the city of Thorn, under the glorious name of God. In the foreground, encamped troops. Underneath, in a cartouche: M. D. C. LVIII. XXX DECEMBER.

Hutten-Czapski, no. 2109

Ossbahr, no. 22, pl. vii

Forrer, II, 522

Bahrfeldt, no. 9164

Raczinsky, no. 142

Vossberg, no. 358

Commemorates the capture of Thorn by John Casimir.

129

John Casimir

Silver medal, 43 mm. diam., 1660

IOAN · CASIM · D · G · REX · POL. & SUEC · M · D · L · R · PRUS · Laureate bust with long hair and moustache to right, wearing drapery over cuirass and the chain of the Golden Fleece. Under the truncation, artist's signature: · I · H.

Rev. PAX AETERNA AD GEDAN : A. CIOICLX · III · MAII · CONDITA. A crowned dove holding olive wreath over the city of Danzig. In the exergue, crowned olive and laurel wreaths, and signature: IH.

Hutten-Czapski, no. 2156

Frankiewicz Coll., no. 639

Commemorates the Peace of Oliva between Poland and Sweden.

130

John Hevelius Astronomer in Danzig 1611-87

Silver medal, 52 mm. diam., 1687

Draped half-bust with long hair facing front.

Rev. IOHANNES HEVELIUS | DANTISCAN CONSULVET CIVITAT. | DELICIVM REGVM AC PRINCIPVM | ASTRONOMORVM IPSE PRINCEPS | IN GLORIAM ATQVE ADMIRATIONEM | SECULI PATRIAE ORBIS | ANNO 1611 DIE 82 IANVARIII NATVS | REM CONCILII PUBLICAM IUVIT | LITERARIAM PRAECELLEN- TIB. MONVMENT. | AVXIT | MERITIS IN UTRAMQVE ILLVSTRIS | SPLENDOREM NOMINIS AETERNITATI | INSERUIT | IPSO NATALI DIE | ANNO 1687 | DENATVS, and the artist's signature: I H.

Hutten-Czapski, no. 3899

Coll. in the Marienburg, no. 8852

Vossberg, no. 1105

Hevelius made valuable observations of the moon's surface, discovered four comets, and collected data for his catalogue of 1564 stars. He is most famous for his study of lunar topography, recorded in his *Selenographia* (1647), which is noted for excellent lunar maps.

PHILIPP HEINRICH MUELLER Augsburg 1654-1719

Mueller's parents being of modest means, he was obliged at a young age to begin providing for himself. A member of the Augsburg town council recognized the young man's artistic talents and took an interest in him. It was then Mueller learned medal engraving, an art in which he soon excelled.

Mueller's medals became known all over Europe, and many rulers and princes were portrayed by him. He was equally successful as a coin engraver. The dies for some of the most beautiful coins of the seventeenth century were cut by Mueller.

131

William III 1650-1702, and *Mary* 1662-94, King and Queen of England 1688-94

Silver medal, 55 mm. diam., 1689

GVILIELMVS ET MARIA REX ET REGINA BRITANIAE. The two busts conjoined to right. Below, artist's signature: P. H. M.

Rev. AUREA FLORIGERIS SUCCRESCUNT POMA ROSETTIS. Liberty seated under orange tree from which the crown is suspended. She holds cap of liberty, scales of justice, and the cross. On exergue line, artist's signature: P. H. M. Below the line: SECURITAS BRITANIAE RESTITUTA 1689.

Outer rim inscribed: EXTERNO MALE PRESSA IUGO BRITANNIA PRIDEM, IN PRISCAS ITERUM RESPIRAT LIBERA LEGES.

Franks and Grueber, no. 60

Van Loon, III, 412, no. 3

Forster, no. 657

Commemorates William and Mary's Coronation as King and Queen of England.

MARTIN HEINRICH OMEIS Nürnberg 1650-1703 Dresden

Omeis was employed at the Dresden mint as assistant engraver, with a yearly income of 124 gulden. Ernst Caspar Duerr taught him the art of die sinking. On several medals executed before 1680 we find their joint signatures.

132

John George III 1647-91, Elector of Saxony 1680-91

Silver medal, 33.5 mm. diam., 1691

· IOH · GEORG · III · D · SAX · I · C · M · A · & W · EL · Bust right, wearing wig, and ermine over plate armor with lion's head on shoulder. On the truncation, the artist's signature: O · f ·

Rev. COELITVS DATA in arch above; below, A TERRA DENE- GATA · Divine hand issuing from the clouds, holding crown over globe. Outer rim inscribed: NAT · DRESDAE D 20 IUN · A^o 1647. DENAT · TUBINGAE A^o 1691 · D · 12 · SEPT ·

Tentzel, pl. LXIX, 8

Dassdorf Coll., no. 985

MARIA ANTONIO DI GENNARO also known as ANTONIO DE JANUARIO ac. Naples and Vienna d. 1744

A Neapolitan by birth, Di Gennaro worked for the King of Naples during his early career. By a resolution dated December 1713 he was appointed "Kaiserlicher Muenz-Eisenschneider" at the Vienna mint. To this period belongs the interesting medal on Count Waldstein who, as it would appear, took no minor pride in a prolific ancestor (no. 133).

133

John Joseph Count of Waldstein

Silver medal, 72 mm. diam., 1716

The Count's ancestor, John Henry of Waldstein, offered in 1254 his twenty-four sons to King Primislav of Bohemia for participation in the King's crusade against the pagans.

The Count and his twenty-four sons arriving before the King. Above the exergue, the artist's signature: A · D · IANVARIO · F · ; in the field below: HEROICA FOECUNDITAS.

Rev. XXIV FILII | A PATRE IOAN:HENRICO | BARONE A WALD- STEIN | A:P:O:R:MCCLIII | PRIMISLAVO BOHEMIAE REGI | IN CRUCIATA CONTRA PRUTENOS | AD MILITIAM PRAESEN- TATI | FABIOS CCCVI TRANSGRESSI | QUI A VICTORES DE

HOSTE REDUCES | ET VITELLIIS SUPERIORES | NON IN UNA
COLONIA | SED IN NUMEROSA PROSAPIA | SEculo NOSTRO
DONATA | INDELEBILES

Outer rim inscribed: QUORUM MEMORIAM IOAN:IOS:COM:A
WALDSTEIN. S:C: ET C:M:CAMER: HOC NUMO RESTITUIT
1716.

Forrer, II, 241

Brettauer, no. 4902

Donebauer Coll., no. 4026

Domanig, *Die Deutsche Medaille*, no. 735, pl. 83

Neumann, p. 668, 57; pl. LXXIV, 639

PETER PAUL WERNER Nürnberg 1689-1771

Werner worked for several German courts during his long period of activity which started about 1712 and lasted until his death.

PAUL GOTTLIEB NÜRNBERGER ac. 1709-46

Nürnberg was assistant mint-master at Nürnberg from 1709-21; thereafter, until his death in 1746, mint-master. In 1730 he went bankrupt, but was able to retain his office.

The following Prussian medal represents the combined effort of the two artists. The obverse is signed by Werner, the reverse by Nürnberger.

134

Frederick William I 1688-1740, Elector of Brandenburg, King of Prussia 1713-40

Very large silver medal, 132.5 mm. diam., 1733

FRID · WILH · D · G · REX · BORVSS · EL · BRAND · Bust right, wearing wig, plate armor with aegis on breast, ermine, and sash. On the truncation, the artist's signature: P. P. Werner fec.

Rev. PRO DEO ET MILITE Under all-seeing eye, troops in parading formation. Underneath, on a ribbon: BEROL. M. DCCXXXIII. In the field, to the right, the artist's signature: N.

Ampach Coll., no. 11313

Henckel Coll., no. 1393

One of the largest struck medals. The obverse die for this medal burst while being tempered, and only three specimens are known to exist.

PAUL HEINRICH GOEDECKE ac. 1730-64

Goedecke, a Hamburg medallist, worked chiefly for the Danish court. He also executed several portrait medals of private persons. His medals are signed: P. H. G.

135

Frederick V 1723-66, King of Denmark and Norway 1746-66

Gold medal, 38 mm. diam., 1749

FRIED. V. DG. REX. DAN. NORV. VAN. GO. Youthful bust with wig right, wearing armor and drapery with ermine. On the truncation, the artist's signature: P. H. G.

Rev. HAC SECVLA IVBILANT VMBRA Under the raying sun, Dania as Minerva, seated on a throne adorned with the crowned royal cypher throwing its shadow over the 300-mark of a sundial. Dania holds the shields of the House of Oldenburg and of Denmark. In the exergue: OLDENB:DAN:TERTIA | VICE IVBILANS | D. 28. OCT. 1749.

Danske Mynter og Medailler, Suppl., pl. 3, no. 1

Galster, no. 418

Commemorates 300 years of rule by the House of Oldenburg.

FRANZ ANDREAS SCHEGA d. 1787

Schega was a self-taught medallist whose artistic ability has been much acclaimed. He filled the post of mint engraver and medallist at Munich beginning in 1738 and was appointed medallist to the court in 1751. The artist died blind.

136

Frederick Christian Crown Prince of Poland

Silver medal, 62 mm. diam., 1763, commemorating his death

FRIDERIC · CHRIST · D · G · PR · REG · POL · & LITH · DUX SAX ·

& EL · Bust right, in elaborate baroque drapery. On the truncation, the artist's signature: F · A · SCHEGA · F ·

Rev. PIIS MANIBUS AUG · III · MAGNANIMI · Statue in mausoleum, topped by rising eagle. In the exergue: OBIIT V · OCTOBRIS MDCC-LXIII

Dassdorf, no. 1510

cf. Forrer, v, 377/8

BOHEMIAN MEDALS

CONCZ WELCZ St. Joachimsthal ac. c. 1527-53

There is little information about the origin of Welcz. The discovery, at the beginning of the sixteenth century, of the rich Bohemian silver mines (which gave their name to the "Erzgebirge," German for "Ore Mountains") may have contributed to the artist's ample medallic production. Especially popular with the local population were Biblical medals, often representing corresponding scenes from the Old and New Testaments. The style of Welcz and that of many of his Joachimsthal contemporaries are very similar, and it was not an uncommon practice among these artists to borrow or buy from one another their hubs and dies.

137

Resurrection | Prophet Jonas

Silver medal with old fire-gilding, 52 mm. diam., 1537

CHRV · MORITVR · PRO · NOBIS · ET · RESVRGIT · VT · NOS · IVSTOS · FACIAT · 46 · Christ rising from the tomb and holding a banner. Around the tomb, two warriors; to the right, a tree; in the left background, a tower. On the right wall of the tomb, the date 1537.

Rev. IANAS · QVI · POST · TRES · DIES · DE · PISTE · EXIVIT · DESIGNAT · CRISTI · RESSVREXIONEM · CAPITVLOZ · The bearded Prophet Jonas, his hands raised in prayer, emerging from the whale's mouth. In the left background, a castle and a ship.

Katz, no. 226, pl. xxxvi, 3

The obverse shows the influence of Moderno (cf. the plaquette, Molinier, I, 180). Katz believes the medal possibly to be from the workshop of the Leipzig Master, Hans Reinhart.

NICKEL MILICZ St. Joachimsthal ac. 1544-70

Enchings and woodcuts by artists like Hans Holbein, Hans Sebald Beham, Hirschvogel, and others often served as models for Milicz's medallic works. The first mention of the artist occurs in 1540 when he is named among the town councillors of Thal. During his artistic career, which stretched over twenty-five years, Milicz also cut dies for coins.

138

Charles V 1500-1558, Emperor 1519-56 and *Ferdinand I* 1503-64, King of Bohemia 1527-62 and Hungary 1527-63 Emperor 1556-64

Gilded silver medal, 60 mm. diam., 1550

PROGENIES DIVVM QVINTVS SIC CAROLVS ILLE IMPERII CAESAR LVMINA AET SVAE L Bareheaded and bearded bust right, wearing plate armor, with Golden Fleece on breast. Legend between double circles.

Rev. FERDINANDVS D G ROMANOR HVNGARI BOEMINI INFANS HISP A RC AVS REX 1550 Bareheaded and bearded bust right, with long hair, wearing plate armor with Golden Fleece on breast. Legend between double circles.

Bernhart, *Die Bildnismedaillen Karls des Fünften*, no. 136, pl. x1

Herrgott, pl. IV, 39

Erbstein Coll., pl. 1, 110

Lanna Coll., III, no. 649

Markl, no. 1984, pl. LIX

Montenuovo Coll., no. 605

Katz, no. 318, pl. XLV, 3

The portrait of Ferdinand is after a medal by Joachim Deschler, cf. Habich, *Corpus*, I, 2, no. 1616; pl. CLXXIV, 3

139

Maximilian II of Hapsburg 1527-76, Emperor 1564-76

Maximilian II, son of Ferdinand I and Anna, sister of Ludwig II of Hungary and Bohemia, was born 1527, elected King of Bohemia 1548, crowned 1562, King of the Romans from 1562, Emperor 1564, died 1576.

Silver medal, 53 mm. diam., 1566

MAXIMILIANVS · II · D · G · ROMA · IMPERI · SEM · AVG · GER · HV · BO · ETC · REX · Laureate and bearded bust right, wearing cuirass and chain with the Golden Fleece. Foliate border.

Rev. ARCHI · DVX · AVSTRI · DVX · BVRG · MARC · MOR · 1566
Double-headed imperial eagle under the crown of the Holy Roman Empire; in the center, the Hapsburg shield. Foliate border.

Katz, no. 326, pl. XLVI, 8

Domanig, *Die Deutsche Medaille*, no. 236

Katalog der Muenzen-und Medaillen-Stempel-Sammlung des K. K. Hauptmuenzamt in Wien 1901, p. 45, no. 55; pl. XI, 1
Herrgott, pl. 8, 17

Provenance: Merzbacher Coll., Munich 1914, no. 86, pl. x

140

Creation of Eve | Marriage at Cana

Silver medal with old fire-gilding, 42 mm. diam., 1552

GOTT · LIES · ADAM · HART · ENTSCHLA · NAM · EIN · RIPP · A · S · S · M · D · D · EVA · G · Z · Adam in deep slumber below a tree, next to him God the Father raising Eve.

Rev. VFF · DER · HOCHZEIT · ZV · CANA · VERWANDELT · CHRISTVS · WASSE · Z · W IO · Z · The Marriage at Cana; below in a cartouche, 1552.

Katz, no. 370, pl. LVI, 2

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 510

The Marriage at Cana is after an etching by Hans Sebald Beham. (G. Pauli, *Hans Sebald Beham*, Strassburg 1901, p. 36, no. 25)

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141

John Frederick of Waldstein Archbishop of Prague 1675-94

Gold medal, 33 mm. diam., 1688

IOANNES FRIDERIC ARCHIE · PRAG · Bust right, wearing ecclesiastical garb.

Rev. COMES DE WALDSTEIN Crowned coat of arms under archiepiscopal hat with infula. Underneath: 16*88

cf. Donebauer, 4633 (silver)

Probably unique in gold.

Commemorates the consecration of the Kreuzherrenkirche in Prague.

MEDALS OF THE LOW COUNTRIES

JACOB JONGHELINCK Antwerp 1531-1606

Jonghelinck ranks as the most prolific Flemish medallist of his period and has a considerable repute as a sculptor as well. In 1558, while in the employ of Philip II, he executed the monument at Bruges to the memory of Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy.

In 1556, when only twenty-five years old, Jonghelinck engraved the seal of the Order of the Golden Fleece. In 1572 he became master of the mint at Antwerp. In addition to these assignments he also was active as a goldsmith and medallist; a document dated 1598 records a payment to him of 148 livres, 15 sous, and 9 deniers for four gold medals he had executed for Archduke Albert.

Jonghelinck during his early career was a pupil of Leone Leoni in Milan, which explains the Italian influence in his style.

142

Antoine Perrenot 1517-86, Cardinal Granvella, Bishop of Arras 1540, Archbishop of Malines 1560, Cardinal 1561, Archbishop of Besançon 1584

Silver medal, 58 mm. diam.

· ANTONII PERRENOT EPI · ATREBAT · Bareheaded and bearded bust right, wearing gown with high closed collar. Pearled border.

Rev. DVRATE Poseidon, in chariot drawn by sea horses, brandishing his trident and sinking Aeneas' ship. Beyond: a rainbow and two blowing zephyrs. Pearled border.

Armand, II, 255, 37

Plon, p. 275, pl. xxxiv, 3 (reverse)

Simonis, p. 109, pl. IX, 2

Bernhart, *Archiv.*, II, 3 (1920/21), no. 12, pl. VII

Provenance: Lanna Coll., III, no. 465, pl. 26

Viscomte de Sartiges Coll.

UNIDENTIFIED ARTIST 1601

143

Nicholas van Delen Dutch patrician

Silver cachet, H. 28 mm., W. 41 mm., 1601

· B · NICOLAVS · VAN · DELEN · Under elaborately crested helmet, the coat of arms, two ram's heads on broad center bar. Dated: ANNO 1601. The Van Delens were an old Dutch patrician family.

JURRIAAN POOL Amsterdam, mid-seventeenth century

Very little is known of the life of Pool. He may have been employed at the Utrecht mint as an engraver. Among his excellent medallic productions is the medal of Admiral Tromp, which bears his signature.

144

Admiral Martin Harpertszoon Tromp 1597-1653

Silver medal, 67 mm. diam., 1653

MARTEN · HARPETSEN · TROMP · RIDDER · Bareheaded bust facing front, wearing high-closed gown, and medallion on breast. Underneath: J. POOL.

Rev. LIEVTENANT · ADMIRAAL · VAN · HOLLAND · VOOR · HET · VAADERLAND · GESNEVELT · DEN · 10 · AVGVSTI · ANNO 1653 · View of a naval battle, with two men-of-the-line in close action; in the foreground, sinking ship.

Van Loon, II, 364 (ill.)

Forrer, IV, 665, where this medal is quoted as "the most important of this artist's medals."

O. WOUTER MULLER ac. 1653-88

This Dutch artist of Amsterdam was one of the foremost masters of the repoussé medal. His medals are embossed, chased, and the two sides united by a rim. The Dutch legends possibly are composed by Muller himself; he injects into them his own name and states that they are the art of Muller.



145

Admiral Martin Harpertszoon Tromp

Silver repoussé medal, 70 mm. diam., 1653

Bust, three-quarters facing, in very high relief, surrounded by naval emblems, under crown held by two putti. Underneath, on a ribbon: "Mijn hert en hant was voor het lant."



Rev. (in italics): "Waarom doet Muller Tromp door kunst van gout en silver leeven : om dat hij d'ijzer eew door krijgsdeugd heeft verdreven." A naval engagement, with two men-of-war at close range in the foreground. At top: "den 10. Aug. 1653."

Franks and Grueber, p. 403, no. 34

Van Loon, II, 364, no. 3 (ill.)

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, no. 195

Tromp's crushing of a Spanish fleet in the lee of the Downs in 1639 marked the passing of Spanish sea power in the seventeenth century.

146

Admiral Cornelis Evertsen 1610-66

Silver repoussé medal, 79 mm. diam., 1666

HEER EVERTS, MET TRIOMF, OP'T BED VAN EER GESNEEFT, ALDVS IN'T SILVER DOOR DE KUNST VAN MULLER LEEFT. Ao. 1666 den 11 Junii. Bust in high relief, three-quarters right, on naval trophies. On the truncation: CORN EVERTSEN-ADMIRAAL VAN ZEEL(and).

Rev. HIER STRYCKT HET BRITSCH GEWELT VOOR NEDERLAND DE VLAGH DE ZEE HEEFT NOIT GEWAEGHT VAN ZULT EEN ZWAEREN SLAGH. Sea battle between the Dutch and English fleets.

Van Loon, II, 529, 1

Forrer, IV, 195

Provenance: Viscomte de Sartiges Coll.

JAN FILIUS LUTMA Amsterdam c. 1605-85

Lutma's medals, though not numerous, are very fine in execution.

147

Joost van den Vondel 1587-1679, Dutch poet

Silver repoussé medal, 66 mm. diam., 1679

Draped bust facing front, within an olive wreath inscribed: JOOST VAN DEN VONDEL, gest. 5 Feb. 1679

Rev. Swan with open wings within an olive wreath inscribed: S'lants Outste en Grootste Poet, geb. 17 Nov. 1587.

Van Loon, III, 283, 2

Koehler, XIV, 193

Forrer, III, 503

Van den Vondel wrote *Gysbreght van Aemstel* and other dramas, translated Tasso, Virgil, Ovid, Horace, Sophocles, and Euripides.

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148

Nativity | Adoration of the Magi

Silver repoussé medal, 83 mm. diam.

The Virgin and St. Joseph kneeling on the ground, between them the

Child; on the right, two shepherds standing, the heads of the ox, the ass, and a tree; on the left, a shepherd carrying a crook; in the background, a building; above, the star of Bethlehem.



Rev. On the left, the Virgin seated holding the Child, behind her St. Joseph standing, before her the Three Kings, the foremost figure kneeling, and three children; on the right, the ox and the ass; in the background, a building; above, the star.

Apparently unpublished. Probably unique.



149

Anointing of Saul | Biblical Scene

Silver repoussé medal, 53 mm. diam.

Saul kneeling in front of Samuel. Saul in wide shepherd's garb, holding sceptre surmounted by a lily, receives the crown from bearded Samuel, who is wearing long gown and round cap. In the background, a city. Ornamental border.

Rev. Biblical scene.

Apparently unpublished.

150

Pope Adrian VI (Adriaen Floriszoon van Trusen of Utrecht 1459-1523) Pope 1522-23

Lead medal, 84.5 mm. diam.

P · M · ADRIAEN VAN GOD GHEKOREN PAVS VAN ROMEN
T'UTRECHT GHEBORN Bust left, wearing tiara and cope closed
with a medallion. In the field, two coats of arms, one of the Pope, the
other of the City of Utrecht.

No reverse.

Van Mieris, II, 158, 3

cf. *Tresor, Med. des Papes*, p. 7, no. 6, note

ENGLISH, DANISH, AND SWEDISH MEDALS

BERNARD RANTWIC d. c. 1596

Rantwic was of Flemish origin and also worked in London. Very few
medals have been attributed to him.

151

Sir Richard Shelley c. 1513-c. 1589 Prior of the English Nation of the
Knights of Malta

Bronze medal, 71 mm. diam.

RICARDVS · SCALLEIVS PRIOR · ANGLIAE · Bearded half-bust
right, wearing armor, the breastplate adorned with the Maltese cross.
Under the truncation: BERN. RANTWIC. F.



Rev. PATRIARVM · EXVBITOR · OPVM A winged griffon, crowned,
standing left in mountainous landscape.

Franks and Grueber, I, 127, 75

Forrer, v, 28



UNIDENTIFIED ENGLISH ARTIST, SIXTEENTH CEN-
TURY

152

Elizabeth I 1533-1603, Queen of England 1558-1603

Oval silhouetted suspension medal of silver, H. 57.5 mm., W. 46.5 mm.
Bust left, with elaborately arranged hair, wearing ruff collar, richly
brocaded dress with puffed sleeves and jewel. Broad foliate wreath.

Rev. Crowned royal cypher over Phoenix rising from the ashes (sym-
bolizing the Queen's virginity). Broad foliate wreath.

An identical piece is in the British Museum.

ERICH PARISE Copenhagen, first half of the seventeenth century
153

Frederick III 1609-70, King of Denmark 1648-70 and his wife *So-
phia Amalia of Brunswick*

Silver medal, 41 mm. diam., c. 1658

DOMINVS PROVIDEBIT King's bust to right, laureate, draped and
armored. Under the truncation, in italics, the artist's signature: E P

Rev. SPES MEA IN DEO Queen's bust left, draped. Under the trunca-
tion, in italics: E P

Danske Mynter og Medailler, pl. xviii, 4, var.

Galster, no. 81

J. HERCLAS Copenhagen, ac. mid-seventeenth century

154

*The Relief of Copenhagen by a Dutch Fleet after the Naval Victory
of Cronenborg*

Silver medal, 46.5 mm. diam., 1658

View of the city and harbor of Copenhagen with ships at anchor. Above,
on a ribbon: HAFNIA DANIAE.

Rev. Naval battle. Three ships-of-the-line, flying the Dutch, Swedish, and
United Provinces flags, in close combat; a sinking ship in the foreground.
In the right background: Kronborg Castle. On a floating piece of wreck-
age, the artist's initials: I H

Danske Mynter og Medailler, pl. xx, no. 2

Van Loon, II, 430, 2 (ill.)

Ossbahr, p. 87, no. 21, pl. vi

After Copenhagen had been besieged for two months by the land and
naval forces of Charles X Gustav of Sweden, a Dutch fleet of thirty-five
ships, mounting 1170 guns, under the command of Baron Opdam van
Wassenaer, arrived on October 23, 1658. Following a fierce engagement
with the Swedish fleet and heavy losses on both sides, the Dutch forced
their way into the port of Copenhagen and landed food supplies and
troops.

K. RULL Sweden, first half of the seventeenth century

155

Gustav II Adolf 1594-1632, King of Sweden 1611-32

Silver medal, 28 mm. diam., 1632

GUST · ADOL · D : G · SUEC · GOT · VAND · REX · M · PRIN ·
FIN · DV · ETH · ET CAR · IG D · Within a quadrilobe, laureate
and bearded bust right, and the legend: NAT 9 DEC: 1594 DENAT ·
6 NOV: 1632

Rev. · STANS ACIE · PVGNANS · VINCENS · MORIENSQ · TRI-
VMPHAT · Crowned sword, laurel and palm branch tied together. In
the background, a landscape with river and sailboat.

Hildebrand, I, no. 179

Crona Coll., no. 116

Forrer, v, 268

Commemorates the King's death in the Battle of Luetzen.

ITALIAN PLAQUETTES ATTRIBUTED TO ARTISTS

BERTOLDO DI GIOVANNI c. 1420-91

156

Pietà

Rectangular bronze plaque, H. 128 mm., W. 198 mm.

In the center, the veiled Virgin, across her knees the Body of Christ,
supported by grief-stricken female figures. To the right, Joseph of Arima-

thea carries the crown of thorns. To the left, Nicomedes holds the nails of the cross.

Molinier, no. 83 (the Louvre specimen, formerly in the His de la Salle Coll.)

Bode, *Bertoldo*, pp. 61/2, ill. (the Bargello specimen)

Molinier attributed this plaquette to Agostino di Duccio, Florence 1418-98, other early scholars to Donatello or his school. Bode more recently gave it to Bertoldo and notes that the figure of Christ depends from the Lamentation on one of Donatello's two pulpits in San Lorenzo, Florence. Pope-Hennessy, *Kress Bronzes*, no. 45, remarks that the attribution to the artist is contingent on its relationship to a Crucifixion with Saints in the Museo Nazionale, Florence, ascribed to Bertoldo in the 1492 inventory of the Medici Collection.

Provenance: Count Trivulzio Coll.

PIER JACOPO DI ANTONIO ALARI BONACOLSI called L'ANTICO c. 1460-1528

157

Roman Empress Faustina c. 125-176

Circular bronze plaquette, 39 mm. diam.

DIVA FAVSTINA Bust facing front, her head slightly inclined to left, two strands of hair falling over her shoulders, wearing softly draped gown. Two incised border lines. High relief.

Rev. SENATS POPLS A triumphal procession, marching towards the right, a warrior bearing a shield, two horsemen, a standard bearer, a trophy bearer, and a nude captive, his head turned backwards. In the exergue, various weapons and pieces of armor. On an oval shield, the letter M.

Planiscig, no. 403 (as Venetian c. 1500, manner of Tullio Lombardi)

cf. Molinier, no. 516 (obverse), no. 640 (reverse as anonymous beginning sixteenth century)

cf. De Ricci, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 121 (reverse as Antico)
cf. Bange, *Reliefs und Plaketten*, no. 492 (as Moderno)

ANDREA BRIOSCO called IL RICCIO (the curly-haired) c. 1470-1532

Among the sons of Padua, Riccio's name holds an honored place. As an architect he built the Church of Santa Giustina at Padua, as a bronze worker he created some unrivalled objects of decorative art, his masterpiece being the Paschal Candlestick in Sant'Antonio at Padua, begun in 1507 and set up in 1516.

158

Judith

Rectangular bronze plaquette, H. 108 mm., W. 83 mm.

Judith is standing in front view, bending towards the right, about to drop into a bag, held open with both hands by an old woman, also in front view, the head of Holofernes, which she holds by the hair in her right hand. Raised base line. High relief.

Molinier, no. 218

British Museum (T. W. Greene specimen), no. 97

Musée Jacquemart-André, no. 493

Paris, *Cabinet des Medailles* (Armand-Valton bequest no. 2529)

Bange, *Reliefs und Plaketten*, no. 356

Florence (Carrand Coll.), no. 400

De Ricci, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 125

Migeon, *Les Arts*, no. 80 (August 1908), p. 25

Detroit Institute of Arts, *Decorative Arts of the Italian Renaissance 1400-1600*, no. 325 (this specimen)

Bode, *Die Italienischen Bronzen*, no. 683

Planiscig, *Riccio*, p. 436, no. 490, fig. 521

After a composition by Mantegna, engraved by Girolamo Mocetto (Bartsch 1).





MODERNO

"Moderno" was only a cognomen, and Molinier identifies the artist as Vettor di Antonio Gambello, called "Camelio," a Venetian, 1455/60-1537. Other scholars have advanced names like Caradosso, Coreto Cagnoli, Giovanni Guerino, Galeazzo Mondella and several others, as possibly being concealed beneath Moderno's pseudonym.

159

Crucifixion

Rectangular silver plaquette (bronze frame), H. 235 mm., W. 128 mm. On a tall cross, Christ between the two thieves. At the foot of the cross, on the left, the Virgin fainting in the arms of two women; near them, a nude child. Behind them, St. John standing with clasped hands, and the Magdalene embracing the cross. Around them, a number of soldiers on horseback and on foot, a horseman on the right wielding his club at one of the thieves. The soldiers armed with halberds and shields.

The plaquette is set in a rectangular frame with rounded top. On the side columns, ecclesiastical designs; at the bottom, on each side, three mourning angels; in the center, floral garland and two putti. The top border bears five medallions, the center one depicting the Dove. In the upper half-round field, in very high relief, God the Father facing front, blessing.

De Ricci, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 170

Molinier, no. 171

British Museum, no. 38

Bange, *Reliefs und Plaketten*, no. 454

Migeon, *Les Arts*, no. 80 (August 1908), p. 20, v1

Florence (Carrand Coll.), nos. 47 and 48

Oxford (Ashmolean Museum), nos. 58 and 59

Louvre, no. 301 (gift of Gustave Dreyfus, 1875)

Paris, *Cabinet des Medailles* (Armand-Valton), nos. 2510 and 2539

Detroit Institute of Arts, *Decorative Arts of the Italian Renaissance 1400-1600*, no. 329A, ill. p. 141 (this specimen)

Provenance: Count Trivulzio Coll.

160

Crucifixion

Rectangular bronze plaquette, H. 125 mm., W. 88 mm.

As before, but with different detail and without frame.

Provenance: Gutekunst Coll., no. 330, pl. x

161

Roman Combat

Circular concave bronze plaquette (perhaps the decorative bottom of a bowl), 110 mm. diam.

Around an ornamented circular shield, many-figured battle scene between horsemen and foot soldiers, some cuirassed and helmeted. Raised border.

Apparently unpublished and unique.

For style, cf. De Ricci, *Dreyfus Coll.*, nos. 216 and 217

Provenance: Luccardi Coll.

MASTER IO. F. F. North Italian c. 1500

162

Judgement of Paris

Circular bronze plaquette with traces of gilding, 56.7 mm. diam.

Paris seated left on a rock under a tree, presenting the apple to Venus who extends her right hand to receive it. Behind her Juno and Minerva standing, the latter holding a dagger (?), a spear, and a shield. Above, Cupid flying. Plain linear border.

Molinier, no. 134

Bange, *Reliefs und Plaketten*, no. 652

Moltheim Coll., no. 55

JACOPO SANSOVINO, SCHOOL OF, SIXTEENTH CENTURY

163

Coronation of the Virgin

Rectangular bronze plaquette, H. 133 mm., W. 87 mm.

Christ, enthroned on clouds, lowering the crown on the head of the kneeling Mary, veiled, and surrounded by nine winged putti.

Molinier, no. 573

Bode, *Die Italienischen Bronzen*, no. 1273

Bange, *Reliefs und Plaketten*, no. 944

Loebbecke Coll., Munich 1908, n. 836, pl. xxxv

Moltheim Coll., no. 90, pl. 4





163

Middeldorf and Goetz, *Morgenroth Coll.*, no. 185, explain the historic background of this plaque

NORTH-ITALIAN 1520/30, in the manner of the ANGHILIARI MASTER

164

Roman Combat (Battle at Cannae?)

Circular convex silver badge, 41.4 mm. diam.

A fierce battle scene between mounted troops, helmeted and cuirassed and armed with spears and swords.

Bange, *Reliefs und Plaketten*, no. 730 (bronze)

cf. the closely related representation by the so-called Anghiari Master "Battle between Romans and Gauls at the Allia" (Pinacoteca Turin, ill. in Schubring, *Cassoni*, pl. xix, no. 107)

Apparently unpublished in silver.



GIAN FEDERIGO BONZAGNA called FEDERIGO PARMENSE ac. 1547-75

165

Adoration of the Shepherds

Rectangular bronze plaque, H. 198 mm., W. 148 mm., 1561

In a basket placed on a broken column, the Christ Child, surrounded by Mary, Joseph, John, and the shepherds offering a lamb. To the right, the heads of the ox and the ass. In the background, an arch carried by columns, its frieze inscribed · PARM · INVENT · On the broken column in front, the date 1561. Beyond the arch, a round tower and a tall building. To the left in the sky, the star. Raised border.

cf. Bange, *Reliefs und Plaketten*, no. 42 note.

Braun, p. 406

Faure Coll., no. 665, pl. xxiv

Molthein Coll., no. 64, pl. 8

GUGLIELMO DELLA PORTA d. 1577

The artist had come to Rome from Lombardy by way of Genoa. In Rome for many years until his death, he held the office of Piombatore Apostolico (making the lead seals for papal bulls). He had obtained that post in competition with Cellini, and had become a lay brother; hence he is also known as Fra Guglielmo del Piombo. Guglielmo's principal work is the tomb of Paul III.

166

Entombment

Rectangular bronze plaque, H. 248 mm., W. 195 mm.

Two bearded men lowering the partly draped body of Christ into the tomb, behind which Mary, the Magdalene, and two other female figures stand, veiled and in an attitude of grief. To the right, the bareheaded St. John. In the background, an arch partly overgrown with shrubbery and grass.

Apparently unrecorded in the standard literature. Prof. Middeldorf (private communication) notes that there exists a contoured silver plaque (Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore), and a silver plaque from a smaller mold (Middeldorf Collection), attributed to Guglielmo della Porta. Prof. Gramberg, author of *Die Düsseldorf Skizzenbücher des Guglielmo della Porta*, Berlin 1964, supports the attribution of the present piece, especially based on Guglielmo's extensive work in rendering Lamentation and Deposition. Gramberg (private communication) points to the affinity between this plaque and a number of Guglielmo's sketches, notably numbers 75, 77, 85, 96 and 152 of the *Skizzenbücher*. He believes the present piece to have originated in the artist's Roman workshop, and the almost equally large Walters piece to be a workshop repetition, presumably by another hand that also copied Guglielmo's Metamorphosis reliefs (W. Gramberg, *Jahrbuch der Hamburger Kunstsammlungen*, vol. 5, 1960, pp. 31 ff., especially fig. 17). Gramberg also quotes a smaller specimen in gilded bronze (H. 150 mm., W. 125 mm.), formerly in the von Rhò Collection, Vienna (E. W. Braun, *Die Bronzen der Sammlung Guido von Rhò*, Vienna 1908, pl. XLVII d.), present location unknown.

Provenance: Dr. Benno Geiger Coll.

ITALIAN PLAQUETTES BY UNIDENTIFIED ARTISTS

FLORENTINE, FIFTEENTH CENTURY

167

Emperor Augustus 31 B.C.-A.D. 14

Oval bronze plaque, H. 50 mm., W. 34 mm.

Bust of the youthful Augustus to left, laureate, wearing cuirass and mantle; on breast, aegis.

cf. De Ricci, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 53, pl. xviii (as Florentine, fifteenth century)

cf. Bange, *Reliefs und Plaketten*, no. 202 (as c. 1500)

cf. Oxford (Ashmolean Museum), nos. 17 and 18







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ROMAN, FIFTEENTH CENTURY

168

Sixtus IV (Francesco della Rovere 1414-84), Pope 1471-84

Lead papal bolla, 37 mm. diam.

(crosslet) | SIXTVS | · PAPA · | · IIII · Pearled border.

Rev. PP | AE In high relief, the three-quarters facing heads of St. Peter and St. Paul, haloed. Between them, a tall cross rising from orb.

This bolla still retains the cord with which it was attached to a papal document.

VENETIAN, SIXTEENTH CENTURY

169

Andrea Gritti Doge of Venice 1523-38

Gold ducal bolla (sigillum), 36 mm. diam.

AND · GRITI · S(anctus) M(arcus) · VENET(iarum) · DVX Andrea Gritti standing, wearing wide gown and ducal hat, receiving the banner from haloed St. Mark, who holds the Bible.

No reverse.



British Museum, *Catalogue of Seals*, vi, 373, nos. 22, 222 (sulphur cast) Detroit Institute of Arts, *Decorative Arts of the Italian Renaissance 1400-1600*, p. 100 (text and illustration) and p. 132, no. 317 (this specimen)

Probably unique.

Provenance: said to have been in the possession of the Ruzzini family of Venice.

Bolle (seals) were attached to documents, much as seals are today. Mostly they are of lead, in rare cases of silver, in bearing with the importance of the document or treaty to which they were attached. Golden bulls (*bolla d'oro* or *sigillum aureum*) are great rarities, since they were used only in exceptional cases. Very few have come down to us.

170

Christ Carrying the Cross

Rectangular bronze plaquette, H. 124 mm., W. 88 mm.

Surrounded by mercenaries and henchmen, Christ carries the cross, followed by two holy women. To the left, the kneeling St. Veronica with veil in her hands. In the background, a city wall.

Prof. Middeldorf (private communication) believes this plaquette to be of German origin, cf. Bange, *Die Bildwerke des Deutschen Museums*, II, p. 140/1, nos. 1934, 7649/50, pl. 25.

Provenance: Count Trivulzio Coll.

171

Entombment

Rectangular bronze plaquette, H. 96 mm., W. 70 mm.

In a rocky landscape, the body of the Savior being lowered into the tomb; behind, Mary and another woman, veiled, in an attitude of grief; to the right, the kneeling Magdalene kissing the Savior's hand. In the background, Golgotha under the rising moon; in the foreground, a water bowl and an ointment vessel.

Provenance: Imbert Coll.

172

Ornamental Plaquette

Mandorla-shaped bronze plaquette, H. 174 mm., W. 57 mm.

Probably made to be affixed to a piece of furniture. In the center, a lion rampant to the left, surrounded by elaborate scrollwork, in silhouette.

No other specimen of this ornamental appliqué seems to be recorded. Probably unique.

NORTH ITALIAN, MID-SIXTEENTH CENTURY

173

Entombment

Shield-shaped bronze plaquette with old fire-gilding, H. 188 mm., W. 140 mm.

The body of Christ, supported by Mary and John, at the rocky entrance of the cave. Mary is veiled, St. John with flowing hair wears shepherd's garb. Underneath, broad border with three angels' heads and two palmettos.

cf. Kris, *Goldschmiedearbeiten*, no. 108 (silver after a similar but altered design, as South-German, Augsburg, first half seventeenth century "derived probably from a not yet identified, Italian?, model")

Provenance: Molthein Coll., no. 108, pl. 7

174

Head of Christ

Oval bronze plaquette, H. 48 mm., W. 34 mm.

Head of Christ wearing the crown of thorns. Within elaborate Renaissance frame with foliate motifs.

cf. Bange, *Reliefs und Plaketten*, no. 926

175

Head of Christ

Square bronze plaquette, H. 46.5 mm., W. 36 mm.





Head of Christ to left.

Gallerie Nazionali Italiane, IV, no. 131

Planiscig, *Estensische Kunstsammlung*, no. 427

ITALIAN, SIXTEENTH CENTURY

176

Emperor Tiberius A.D. 14-37

Circular bronze plaquette, 85 mm. diam.

TIBER · CAESAR · Laureate bust right, with hair to nape of neck. Raised border.

cf. Planiscig, *Estensische Kunstsammlung*, no. 330

177

Emperor Caligula A.D. 37-41

Oval bronze plaquette, H. 106.5 mm., W. 85 mm.

Laureate bust right, underneath: C · CAES · T · D All within a broad border of Roman armaments, interrupted by four lions' facing front.

178

Emperor Vespasian A.D. 69-79

Circular bronze plaquette, 86 mm. diam.

VESPASIAN · AVG · C · Laureate bust right, with hair to nape of neck. Raised border.

cf. Planiscig, *Estensische Kunstsammlung*, no. 337

179

Emperor Trajan A.D. 98-117

Oval bronze plaquette, H. 56.5 mm., W. 44 mm.

Laureate bust right, hair to nape of neck, on granulated field. Very high relief.

cf. Planiscig, *Estensische Kunstsammlung*, no. 328 ff.



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FRENCH AND FLEMISH PLAQUETTES

UNIDENTIFIED ARTISTS

FRENCH, EARLY SIXTEENTH CENTURY

180

Francis I 1494-1547, King of France 1515-47

Bronze plaquette, H. 150 mm., W. 98 mm., c. 1535

The King's bearded portrait to right, wearing cap with broad brim, fur-collared coat over pleated robe, and necklace with pendant. All within double-lined raised border and cartouche of elaborate scrollwork; to the sides two fish-tailed mermaids supporting the upper part of the frame with the French fleur-de-lis in center. At the bottom, floral ornaments with antique mask in the center.

Apparently unpublished and unique.

Provenance: Count Trivulzio Coll.

FRENCH c. 1600

181

Henry IV 1553-1610, King of France 1598-1610

Oval bronze plaquette, H. 59 mm., W. 47 mm.

Half-bust left, bearded and with long hair, wearing ruff collar, sash with cross over striped gown. Granulated field.

Apparently unpublished.

cf. Kris, *Goldschmiedearbeiten*, no. 92 (silver, repoussée "in the manner of Dupré or his school")

FLEMISH, SIXTEENTH CENTURY

182

The Triumph of the Church

Rectangular bronze plaquette, H. 63 mm., W. 124 mm.



186

On a four-wheeled chariot, driven by an old man and drawn by two unicorns, are seated four female figures. One bearing a yoke, the second holding a sceptre (and perhaps a bird), the third with crossed hands, the fourth (Church) holding a bunch of keys; above her head, the Holy Ghost. Raised base line.

De Ricci, *Dreyfus Coll.*, no. 428, pl. cxx (as Flemish)

Molinier, no. 665 (as Italian, sixteenth century)

Paris, *Cabinet des Medailles*, no. 2474

Bange, *Die Bildwerke des Deutschen Museums*, II, p. 133, no. 1490 (as Flemish)

Planiscig, *Estensische Kunstsammlung*, no. 458 (Flemish or German)

Padua, Rizzoli, no. 78

Exhibited: Detroit Institute of Arts, "Flanders in the Fifteenth Century," October-December, 1960

GERMAN PLAQUETTES

UNIDENTIFIED ARTIST, NÜRNBERG(?), SIXTEENTH CENTURY

183

Christ Carrying the Cross

Bronze plaquette with old fire-gilding, H. 161 mm., W. 123 mm.

On stony ground with a serpent and a tree stump in the foreground, Christ carrying the Cross. Behind him to left, veiled Mary and St. John standing.

Upper part silhouetted.

Middeldorf and Goetz, *Morgenroth Coll.*, no. 381 as unique

Second specimen known.

Provenance: Commerzienrat Bauer Coll.

GERMAN, SIXTEENTH CENTURY (after ALBRECHT DÜRER)

184

Entombment

Rectangular bronze plaquette, H. 129 mm., W. 97 mm.

Three men lowering the body of Christ into the tomb. To the left, the kneeling Magdalene placing the ointment vessel on the edge of the grave; behind her, a second kneeling woman and Mary and John stand-

ing. In the background, to the right, a grotto; to the left, a city.

After the *Entombment* by Albrecht Dürer, cf. *Kleine Passion*.

Willi Kurth, *Albrecht Dürer, sämtliche Holzschnitte*, München 1927, no. 250 (from the *Kleine Passion* 1511, entitled: *Passio Christi ab Alberto Dürer Nurenbergensi, effigiata cum variis carminibus Fratris Benedicti Chelidonii Musophili, Nurenberg 1511*).

A companion piece, "Descent from the Cross," is in the Morgenroth Collection (Middeldorf and Goetz, no. 378). A series of plaquettes after Dürer's *Kleine Passion*, of square shape (Bange, *Die Bildwerke des Deutschen Museums*, II, p. 95, nos. 5715-5735, pl. 14) is signed H.L. and has been tentatively attributed to Hans Leitmaier, Nürnberg (d. 1531).

cf. also J. W. Fredericks, *Dutch Silver*, The Hague 1952, pp. 172 ff. (series of plaquettes by Master A.V.B., possibly Arent van Bolten, c. 1573-c. 1633)

cf. H. E. van Gelder, *Een teruggevonden Meesterwerk van Paulus van Vianen*, in *Oud Holland* 1947, pp. 68 ff.

Apparently unique.

Provenance: Gutekunst Coll., no. 374
Viscomte de Sartiges Coll.

SOUTH GERMAN, END OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY

185

Flight into Egypt

Rectangular bronze plaquette with old fire-gilding, H. 169 mm., W. 126 mm.

Mary, the Child in her arm, seated on a donkey which, together with an ox, is led by Joseph, who turns his head towards Mary and points the way with his hand. To the left, dense woods; to the right, some trees.

Stony ground with grass and flowers in the foreground. In the background, a village. On the upper left, emerging from the clouds, are seven angels looking down at the Holy Family.

Apparently unpublished and unique.

In the style of Albrecht Altdorfer (1488-1538). cf. Baldass 1941, p. 297, *Farewell of the Disciples*, and landscapes, pp. 300-301.

cf. Bange, *Die Bildwerke des Deutschen Museums*, II, p. 121, no. 7651 (a smaller, much simplified variant, as Augsburg)

cf. *Molthein Coll.*, no. 378 (repoussé after similar, but altered design)

Provenance: Commerzienrat Bauer Coll.

SPANISH PLAQUETTES

UNIDENTIFIED ARTISTS c. 1600

186

St. Francis

Rectangular bronze plaquette with traces of old silver, H. 122 mm., W. 90 mm.

Before the crucifix, St. Francis, haloed, his head turned upward in ecstasy, his hands with the stigmata raised in prayer. In the background, rocky landscape. At the foot of the crucifix, a skull.

187

St. Peter

Rectangular bronze plaquette in wooden frame with gilded scrollwork and angel's head on top, H. 197 mm., W. 148 mm.

Half-bust of St. Peter under a tree, his hands clasped in prayer, looking towards heaven; in front of him, the keys. To the left, a column on which the cock is crowing.

Braun, *Archiv*, III (1921/22), 15 ff., no. 5

Imbert Coll., no. 215

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