



Carnelian Cameo Probably Representing Maria Theresa. German, 18th Century.



3 750 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

A carnelian cameo probably representing Maria Theresa.

German, second half of the 18th century.

The brooch measures 3.5 x 3cm, the cameo measures 2.6 x 2.1cm.

The cameo is a quiet tour de force of cameo carving, the ground is highly polished, whilst the relief is beautifully rendered with contrasting polished and mat elements. The reverse has a chamfered edge which was then finely faceted and softly sparkles giving a diamond like quality. The high carat gold brooch setting is most likely

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original to the jewel and is set with a border of natural half pearls.

Maria Theresa Walburga Amalia Christina (c.1717-80) was ruler of the Habsburg dominions from 1740 until her death in 1780, and the only woman to hold the position *suo jure*. She was the sovereign of Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Bohemia, Transylvania, Mantua, Milan, Lodomeria and Galicia, the Austrian Netherlands, and Parma.