



Medieval Gold Sapphire Stirrup Ring. English, Late 13th - Early 14th Century.

3 600 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gold



Description

A Medieval gold sapphire stirrup ring.

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Ring size R UK / 8.75 US.

Weighs 2.2 grams.

The high bezel is set with its original heart shaped cabochon sapphire. The style of the ring is known as a stirrup ring due to the resemblance the form has with stirrups on a horse.

During the Middle Ages, gemstones were often associated magical and protective properties that they were believed to possess. Gemstones could protect against evil or poisons as well as

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heightening the individuals' characteristics and strengths. Sapphires were frequently worn by Bishops and other Clergy due to their ability to promote it's bearer's chastity and piety. Sapphires were believed to be able to change colour if the wearer acted sinfully or lacked faith, it was because of this belief that jewels set with sapphires were worn as as symbols of honesty and devout faith.