



Zoomorphic Ring Brooch With Beast Heads. French Or English, 13th Century.



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Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gold

Description

A zoomorphic ring brooch with beast heads.

French or English, 13th century.

Measures 1.4cm in diameter.

Weighs 1.2 grams.

Provenance:

From the collection of Gordon Bailey, Essex,
UK; formed since 1968.

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Bailey, G., Buttons & Fasteners 500 BC-AD
1840, Witham, 2004, p.107, fig.(1)3.25.

The annular brooch is decorated with leopard

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heads, each originally would have had gem set eyes and two blue glass cabochons, the reverse of the brooch is plain.

Comparisons can be made with a silver gilt example in the British Museum, Registration number: 2003,0703.1.

https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H_2003-0703-1

An annular brooch is a type of brooch that is circular in shape, forming a complete ring, they were worn by both men and women of all social classes. The word « annular » comes from the Latin word « annulus, » meaning ring. These brooches were popular in medieval Europe, particularly from the 13th to 15th centuries, and were used to fasten clothing such as tunics and cloaks.

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