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## Greek Gold Relief With The Head Of The Gorgon. Hellenistic, 4th-3rd Century Bc.

1 000 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Gold



Description
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A Greek gold relief with the head of the Gorgon. Hellenistic, 4th-3rd century BC. Measures 1.1 x 1cm. Weighs 0.3 grams. Provenance: Private English Collection, formed between the late 1970's - early 1990's. A gold ring applied with a similar relief is in the collection of the British Museum, Registration number: 1859,1129.42 [https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/G\\_1859-1129-42](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/G_1859-1129-42) In Greek art, the head of the Gorgon Medusa--known as the Gorgoneion--evolved from a grotesque, apotropaic symbol to a more humanised and even beautiful figure. During the Hellenistic and Roman periods, Medusa became a symbol of dangerous beauty, her snake hair stylised and her face often idealised. Throughout these transformations, her image retained protective

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