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Silvered Metal Salamander Ring. Northern Europe, 16th / 17th Century.



770 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Metal

Description
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A silvered metal salamander ring. Northern Europe, 16th / 17th century. Ring size R 1/2 UK / 8.75 US / 59 EU. Weighs 10 grams. Salamanders were once believed to have the ability to withstand fire, making them symbols of immortality, rebirth, and passion. In Renaissance courtly etiquette, the gift of a jewel with a salamander would have symbolised a suitors burning desire. Salamanders hibernate in dark, damp places like piles of rotting wood and logs. When these logs were thrown into a fire, salamanders would appear as if emerging from the flames. Benvenuto Cellini (c. 1500-1571) famously recounted witnessing such an event as a child in his autobiography. The salamander was also adopted as a symbol by King Francis I of France (reigned c. 1515-1547) for his livery.

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