



Laurent Hart, Medal, Belgium, 1851 Solid Silver.



450 EUR

Signature : Laurent Hart

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Diameter : 5 cm

Description

Hainaut Exhibition, 1851 Commemorative Medal
Laurent Hart (active in the 19th century)
Belgium, 1851 Solid silver, struck medal
Signature: HART. F. Obverse: Effigy of Leopold I, King of the Belgians, in left profile, wearing a wreath of oak leaves. Reverse: Allegory of industrial and agricultural progress. A seated female figure, symbol of the Province or the Nation, is surrounded by personifications of Industry and Agriculture. Economic and heraldic attributes at her feet. Inscription: HAINAUT EXHIBITION. Date in Roman numerals: MDCCCLI. Laurent Hart, born December 6, 1810, in Antwerp and died in Brussels on January 10, 1860, was a Belgian medalist. After studying at the Antwerp Academy of Fine Arts, he furthered his training under Joseph-Pierre

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Braemt, Adrien Veyrat, and Adolphe Jouvenel, renowned medalists of his time. Laurent Joseph Hart produced a prolific body of work. He was a member of the Brussels Freemasons and the True Friends of the Union. In the former collection of Baron de Surmont de Volsberghe, Minister of Industry, a significant portion of over a thousand pieces consisted of Hart's medals. Selected

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