



## Medieval Amuletic Silver Ring With The Names Of The Magi. English, 13th Century.

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Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage



### Description

A Medieval amuletic silver ring engraved with the names of the Magi. English, 13th century. Ring size V UK / 10.5 US / 64 EU. Weighs 2.8 grams. The ring is set with a faux natural octahedral diamond, made from a separate piece of silver set in a rub-over setting, the same way as that of a gemstone. The outside of the band is deeply engraved with the names of the three biblical Kings; 'Melchior, Balthasar and Caspar'. The engraved names of the three kings was believed to protect against disease, specifically epilepsy, which was known as the 'falling sickness', making this a highly potent amuletic ring. A silver gilt ring also decorated with a faux natural diamond can be found in the collection of the Victoria and Albert museum:  
<https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O126784/ring->

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unknown/ Many magical rings have been found in Britain, other examples are in the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert museums collections:

<https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O121724/ring-unknown/>

[https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H\\_AF-1005](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H_AF-1005)

[https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H\\_AF-895](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H_AF-895)

<https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O121948/ring-unknown/>

<https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O121953/ring-unknown/> Numerous jewels with the names of the Magi can be found in the British Museum and the V&A:

[https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H\\_AF-1019](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H_AF-1019)

[https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H\\_AF-1017](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H_AF-1017)

<https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O121198/ring-unknown/>

<https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O15211/ring-br> ooch-unknown/ Another example in the collection of the National Museums Scotland:

<https://www.nms.ac.uk/explore-our-collections/collection-search-results/finger-ring/29108>