



Roman Intaglio On Three-layered Agate. Portrait Of A Young Hercules.

1 600 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état



Description

Dimensions: 7.5 x 9.5 x 4.5 mm Mounting available upon request Roman art, 1st century Former private collection, Max Kopp, Zurich (1891-1984) English private collection, acquired on the European art market The youthful, idealized face is framed by short, curly hair; the figure is identified as the young Hercules, the hero depicted without a beard. Hercules, the most famous of the Greco-Roman heroes, embodies strength, courage, and victory over adversity. Depicted here beardless, in the radiance of youth, he evokes the hero on the threshold of his Twelve Labors--an image of virile virtue and protection. His portrait, one of the most common on Roman intaglios, served as both a personal emblem and a talisman: to wear Hercules was to place oneself under the patronage of the mortal who became a

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