Medal - Tommaso Rangoni

Object: Medal

Place of origin: Venice (made)

Date: ca. 1560 (made)

Artist/Maker: della Fede, Matteo Pagano (artist)

Materials and Techniques: Bronze

Museum number: 749-1865

Gallery location: Medieval & Renaissance, Room 64, The Wolfson Gallery, case 14

Public access description

This is a bronze medal made by Matteo Pagano della Fede in Venice, Italy in about 1560. The obverse of this medal represents Tommaso Rangone of Ravenna (1493-1577), the philosopher and linguist. For the reverse of this medal, the physician, philosopher and astronomer Tommaso (also called Philologus) chose the creation of the Milky Way. It shows Jupiter placing the infant Hercules at the breast of Juno, perhaps in recognition of Rangone's own status as an adopted son.

Descriptive line

Medal, bronze, bust of Tommaso Rangoni/Hercules placed at Juno's breasts, by Matteo Pagano della Fede, Italian (Venice), ca. 1560

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Object history note

There is an electrotype copy of this medal (inv. no. 1857-116). It was bought from the Soulages collection in 1865.

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