Relief - George Frederick Handel

Object: Relief

Place of origin: London (made)

Date: ca. 1750-1760 (made)

Artist/Maker: Roubiliac, Louis-François, born 1702 - died 1762 (designer and maker)

Materials and Techniques: Modelled terracotta

Museum number: A.11-1961

Gallery location: Sculpture, Room 24, The Dorothy and Michael Hintze Galleries, case 1

Public access description

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Descriptive line

Relief, terracotta, portrait of George Frederick Handel, by Louis-François Roubiliac, England, ca. 1750-1760

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Dimensions

Diameter: 28.6 cm

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Object history note

Purchased under the bequest of Dr. W. L. Hildburgh, F. S. A., 1961, from Messrs Peel and Humphris, Bond Street, London, for £250.

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