Object: Bust of a maenad wreathed with

vine leaves (cameo)

Museum: Museum August Kestner

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Collection: Gemmen, Kameen und

Glaspasten. Die Sammlung geschnittener Steine, European Applied Art/Design Collection

Inventory number:

1989.81

Description

This cameo is the work of the versatile Roman artist Benedetto Pistrucci, who marked the piece with his name in capitals. Pistrucci had made a name for himself as a stone cutter, medallist, coin die cutter and sculptor. But his main passion was cameos.

Pistrucci varied the theme of the 'maenad' on cameos more frequently, for example on a specimen in the Staatliche Münzsammlung in Munich. - The originally unmounted cameo was mounted at Cartier in Paris in the 1920/30s. (AVS)

Former collection Harry Dittrich Hellebronth of Tiszabeö, Hanover

Basic data

Material/Technique: Agate (fivefold layered), enamel, gold /

carved, framed

Measurements: Height: 6 cm, width: 4.9 cm

Events

Created When 1800-1830

Who Benedetto Pistrucci (1783-1855)

Where Rome

Keywords

- Agate
- Cameo
- Maenad
- Maenad(s), female bacchant(es)
- Steinschnitt

Literature

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