

A very rare Charles I Medallion made in London in 1625 to commemorate the marriage of King Charles I of England to the Roman Catholic Bourbon Princess, Henrietta Maria of France in 1625.

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Description

This medallion is one of two known designs made by the medallist P. Regnier. Both bear a similar double portrait to the obverse, the draped busts of the couple facing each other (vis-a-vis) under a celestial sunburst. The rim displaying "CH. MAG.ET.HEN.MA.BRITREX.ET.REG. The reverse of this type shows a winged cupid bearing a bouquet of roses and lillies. The rim displaying "FVNDIT.AMOR.LILIAMIXTA.ROSI" 1625. The medallion is in excellent condition and is a very rare survivor from this early period. An example is housed within the Royal Collection of King Charles III. Charles & Henrietta - then aged 15 - were married by proxy on 1st May 1625 at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. The groom had succeeded his father as King of England on 27th March. The married couple met in person on 13th June in Canterbury. The marriage would endure until Charles death on the scaffold in 1649. Her husband's execution drove Queen Henrietta into exile on the Continent though she returned after the restoration of her son, Charles II, in 1660. Diameter: 0.9 inches.