

*A king meets monastics or honorary mites* (inv. 00185)

Author: Anonymous

Place: Malines

Period: 1501-1600

Material: Alabaster, gilded, wood

Measurements: 12 x 15,8 x 2,5 cm (including wooden board)

Origin: Purchased by Jean van Caloen

Description: The scene, with an unadorned cartouche in front, is set in a forest. A king (or emperor?) is in discussion with a seated group of monastics or honorary mites. One holds a rosary, several others hold a book. In the background, among the trees, are a small church and some buildings. The alabaster is embellished with various gilded accents in both the vegetation, the robes, the armored monarch and in the architecture. The alabaster is applied to a wooden support.

Exhibition:

Bibliography:

