

Pyxis (inv. 1000.07)

Author: Anonymous
Place: Limoges
Period: 1225-1250
Material: copper, multicolored enamel champlevé, gilded
Measurements: 7,3 x 6,4 x 8 cm
Origin: Purchased by the Jean van Caloen Foundation from Bernard Descheemaeker / Works of Art (Antwerp) in spring 2022

Description: The pyxis is decorated all around with a succession of medallions each depicting the bust of an angel. The angels have a nimbus and emerge from clouds. The same decoration occurs on the hinged conical lid. Between the medallions a stylized floral ornament. Dark and light blue, light green, red and white are the colors used. The crowning (cross, flower or bud) is lost. The interior finish is gilded and the bottom is hollow so that taking the host can be done without difficulty.

Exhibition:

Bibliography: B. Kervyn de Volkaersbeke, *'Champlevé Enamel': 13th Century Religious Art from Limoges and Central Italy*, Web magazine of Loppem Castle, no. 1, 2022

