

SA991301

Antique Victorian 15ct Gold Carved Shell Cameo Brooch with "Menelaus" Head Greek Mythology - c.1880

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA991301****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Description

We are delighted to offer this wonderful 15ct gold Victorian shell cameo made c.1880 with a Greek mythology theme. The cameo features the side profile of "Melenaus" which is delightfully intricate and engraved on a light brown shell background. In Greek mythology, Menelaus was a king of Mycenae Sparta. Despite its small size, the detailing of the facial features, hair and overall proportions are very eye-pleasing and a testament to the quality & craftsmanship of this Victorian cameo. In addition to its intricacy, it is perhaps the historic and mythological representation recreated in different art forms/mediums which makes this cameo particularly delightful. We believe that unlike other jewellery forms (such as rings & gem cuts etc) cameos present a unique medium for artisans to showcase their artistic skills and techniques, slightly closer to the likes of paintings and sculptures. As such, the more elegant, lifelike and endearing an engraving is, it tends to become more valuable and desirable. The border and frame are made from solid 15ct antique gold and feature a lovely twisted rope design with the gold-tone further elevating the splendour and majestic ap...

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