



Archer's thumb-ring in the form of a bird

On display

Title/Description: Archer's thumb-ring in the form of a bird

Born: 1600 - 1799

Object Type: Implement

Materials: Gold, Ivory (?), Semiprecious stone

Measurements: h. 32 x w. 61 x d. 28 mm

Accession Number: 275

Historic Period: 17th century, 18th century

Production Place: Asia, India, Rajasthan

Cultural Group: Mughal

Credit Line: Donated by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1973

Thumb-rings of this type were worn to protect the ball of the thumb when the bow-string was released. It probably represents a partridge. The wings are indicated by a brownish stain and the eyes are red gemstones.

Description taken from the 'Art From The Indian Sub-Continent In The Sainsbury Centre' catalogue by Margaret A. Willey (Sainsbury Centre, UEA, 1995).

Provenance

Acquired by the Sainsbury Family in 1972. Donated to the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia in 1973 as part of the original gift.
