

18TH CENTURY CHATELAINE AND GOLD WATCH, FRENCH CRAFSTMANSHIP

Era: 18th century, Louis XVI

Materials: gold

Dim: H 6.7 in (17 cm) Diam 1.8 in (4,5 cm)

Weight: 4oz (112 g) with the watch.

R with crown, for 1780

Mark: ox head,1774-1780

Gold mark: eagle head

Chatelaine, which was worn at the waist, in three-colored gold (green, pink, and white), composed of a belt hook embellished with a medallion. The medallion shows two hearts above an altar dedicated to Cupid. At the base of the altar are a dog (a symbol of loyalty), musical instruments, and two doves. This medallion is connected by three small, floral motif chains to a central medallion. The central medallion features a baluster-shaped vase with flowers and cupids on a matte background. Four more small chains descend from the central medallion and are connected to a watch key, a seal, and a watch. The

watch casing is embellished with an intricate starburst, suggesting the rays of the sun, as well as an altar with a vase on it, a dog, and trophies. Small diamonds are inlaid on the hands of the watch.

Guarantee mark: R with crown, for 1780.

Hallmark: ox head in right profile, 1774-1780.

Watch movement in working order signed MCI à Caen François Cauger, watchmaker active during the second half of the 18th century.