

BEAUTIFUL MURAL ORNAMENT

APOLLON'S HEAD



FRANCE

17TH CENTURY

PATINATED, EMBOSSED AND CHISELED BRONZE

DIMENSIONS :

H. 22,3 CM – L.26,2 CM

H. 8^{3/4} IN – W. 10^{5/16} IN

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Our important patinated bronze mural ornament, embossed and chiseled in haut relief, depicts the head of Apollo. An imposing hair surrounds his face.

This motif is dominant in the ornamental repertoire of Louis XIV, who chose for his emblem - the Sun personified by Apollo, the Greek god of peace and the arts.



Jean Degoullons
Vase du Soleil
1684-1688
Versailles



Detail
Royal gate of the palace of Versailles
Circa 1680
Versailles



Preparatory drawing for the king's
costume representing the Rising Sun

The Royal Ballet of the Night
Gouache
1682