

Tankard - HansekanneEngraved and partially gilded silver

Lübeck, circa 1650

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H: 24 cm

D: 16 cm

Weight: 1452 grams

The quality of this great tankard is remarkably expressed by a circular engraved decoration covering its entire surface. Three oval medallions depicting characters in a landscape are surrounded by auriculaire ornaments, particularly popular during the first half of the century and close to the models of Lucas Kilian (1579-1637), Gerbrand van den Eeckhout (1621-1674) or Johannes Lutma (1584-1669).

This type of high tankard, qualified as Hansekanne in German, is mainly found, as this term indicates, in the production of Hanseatic cities.

Literature:Marc Rosenberg, *Der Goldschmiede Merkzeichen*, Band II, n° 3201, p. 27.