



Ivory Mourning Miniature of Unidentified Young Woman

Date

early 19th Century

Primary Maker

Unidentified Artist

Medium

Ivory, watercolor, glass and copper/gold alloy

Description

Mourning pendant with a miniature portrait of an unidentified young girl. She faces right with head turned towards the front, her gaze slightly off to the right. Her cheeks are bright pink and her eyes are blue. Her thin,

straight hair clings to her head, with some curls at the crown and bangs above her face. Her eyebrows are arched and her nose is pointed. She wears a white chemise dress with a wide black sash; the front is gathered across a low neckline and the sleeves have horizontal tucks. On the back, light brown hair is woven into a pattern behind a glass disc with a medallion inset slightly off center. A design of drapery in copper/gold surrounds a white oval with the scripted initials AJ above the letters ACD. The frame is a copper/gold alloy with beveled edges and has a ring on top for stringing. The glass covering covers the edges of the frame and is slightly angled.

Dimensions

Sight: 2 1/2 × 1 3/4 in. (6.4 × 4.4 cm)