

Fine and rare 17th century Italian banded agate cameo of Alexander the Great and his mother, Olympia with 18th century ring mount

£1,650



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Description

Fine and rare 17th century Italian banded agate cameo of Alexander the Great and his mother Olympias, Queen of Macedonia. Later mounted onto a silver ring circa 1760.

Cameo rings feature a carved relief set against a contrasting background. These intricate designs are typically carved from materials like shell, agate, or coral. Originating in ancient Greece and Rome, cameo rings became popular in the Renaissance and Victorian eras, symbolising elegance and artistry.

UK ring size L