

Desiderio da Settignano, c. 1429-1464
The Christ Child (?)



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K1309

IDENTIFIER

2102

ARTIST

Settignano, Desiderio da, c. 1429-1464

NATIONALITY

Italian

DATE

c. 1460

MEDIUM

marble

TYPE OF OBJECT

Sculpture

DIMENSIONS

30.5 x 26.5 x 16.3 cm (12 x 10 7/16 x 6 7/16 in)

LOCATION

National Gallery of Art, Washington, District of Columbia

PROVENANCE

Oratory of San Francesco dei Vanchettoni, Florence, before 1756; [1] sold 1940 to Eugenio Venturi, Florence, probably for (Duveen Brothers, Inc., London, New York, and Paris); [2] purchased 1942 by the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, New York; [3] gift 1943 to NGA. [1] Giuseppe Richa, *Notizie storiche delle chiese fiorentine*, 10 vols., Florence, 1754-1762: 4(1756):92, as by Donatello. This bust and the bust *The Young Saint John the Baptist* (NGA 1943.4.79) were each placed in a niche above a side door on either side of the high altar. The doors both led into the "Relic Room." The busts were seen there and listed as by Donatello in numerous Florence guidebooks until they were sold. [2] Walter Paatz, *Die Kirchen von Florenz: Ein Kunstgeschichtliches Handbuch*, 6 vols., Frankfurt, 1940: 2:137, no. 16. [3] Documents from the Kress Foundation, now in NGA curatorial files, indicate that the Foundation

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was considering the acquisition of the sculpture as early as 1940.

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1 ACQUISITION

Duveen Brothers, January 13, 1942

1 DISTRIBUTION

Gift to National Gallery of Art, March 31, 1943

EXTERNAL LINKS**Related Collection Record**

<https://www.nga.gov/collection/art-object-page.12191.html>

Related National Gallery of Art Library Image Collections Record

https://library.nga.gov/permalink/01NGA_INST/1p5jkvq/alma99716503804896

4 ARCHIVAL ITEMS

K1309 - Art object record, circa 1930s-1950s

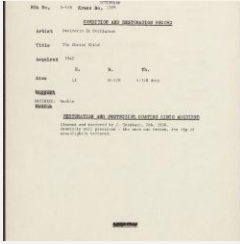


K1309 - Expert opinion by Planiscig, 1940



K1309 - Expert opinion by Berenson, 1945

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K1309 - Condition and restoration record, circa 1950s-1960s

RECORD LINK

<https://kress.nga.gov/Detail/objects/2102>