

Meister der Magdalenen-Legende, Christian 2. of Denmark

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Dear members of H-ArtHist,

I am presently working on a project on portraiture at the Danish Museum of National History at Frederiksborg Castle north of Copenhagen, Denmark. In our collection there is a very peculiar portrait of the Danish King, Christian II, attributed to the so-called Master of the Legend of St. Mary Magdalen (Meister der Magdalenen-Legende). It shows the king half length, in three-quarter-profile to the right, holding in his hands a miniature version of his own portrait. Please visit the museum website in order to see the painting:

<http://www.multishoppen.dk/showdetails.aspx?ID=1948&tour=False&pageID=1>

Or:

www.frederiksborgmuseet.dk/

(then click "online katalog" and type "Christian 2." In the boks "Person på maleri". The fifth painting listed (inv.no. A 4371) is the one referred to here.)

My question goes:

There exists a replica of this painting, 35 x 27 cm, which was in the collection of the Swiss businessman Walter E. Boveri. The Boveri collection was sold after the death of Mrs. Boveri in 1990, and this is where I lose track of it. Does anyone know where the painting might be today? Please let me know!

Yours sincerely,

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