

Basic Detail Report



Rain Maker's Medal, Society of Medallist 3rd Issue

Date

1931

Primary Maker

Hermon Atkins MacNeil

Medium

Bronze

Description

Round bronze medal with high-level relief decorations on both the front and back. The obverse features a group of

four Native American men seen in a vast, desert landscape with stormy skies. The men are naked or are nearly nude and are each holding a number of snakes in each hand. The figure in the foreground is seen as if raising a handful of snakes to the sky. The scene represents a prayer for rain. The reverse features a scene of five Native American men dressed in elaborate costume and headdresses, engaged in a Hopi snake dance. Four of the figures are seen upright, dancing and holding snakes while a figure in the background is seen bending down, arranging snakes that slither before them on the floor. The background near the top is filled with a geometric pattern of half-circles and arrows that resemble clouds with lightning.

Dimensions

Diameter: 3 inches (7.6 cm)