

Basic Detail Report



The "Lone Eagle" Eluding a Storm and Death, Society of Medallist 4th Issue

Date

1931

Primary Maker

Frederick William MacMonnies

Medium

Bronze

Description

Round bronze medal with high relief decoration on both front and back. Obverse features a bust portrait of Charles Lindbergh who is seen wearing an aviator's cap and goggles that have been pulled down around his neck. In the background behind the pilot's head, an airplane is partially seen taking flight. An inscription surrounds the edge stating his name, "CHARLES AUGUSTUS LINDBERGH." The reverse features a background with the inscription, "LONE EAGLE" that is obscured by clouds, stars, and a small crescent moon. In the foreground, a nude female figure personifying a storm is seen with arm one arm raised, grasping a bundle of lightning bolts. Below, a male nude personifying wind is seen from mid-torso blowing strong winds into the scene with clouds swirling around him and the figure of the storm. To the left, a skeletal figure, shrouded in cloth but wearing a crown, personifies death and looks on at the scene. The central figure of the medal is an eagle, wings outstretched, flying steadily despite the ominous figures that surround him.

Dimensions

Diameter: 2 7/8 inches (7.3 cm)