JEAN RIVIERE

THÉODORA (1890)

Florentine Medallion (1890)

Sarah Bernhardt as the Empress Théodora (1884, play written by Victorien Sardou)

H. 85,5 cm L. 54 cm D. 14,5 cm

Polychrome plaster, enlayed with glass and stones.

Signed «J.Riviere» on the right side of the Empress's crown, the medallion as a halo is set on an architectural structure, with the Emperor Justinien, husband of Theodora.

Few examples identified (variants in plaster, tin and bronze), with one plaster example at the Musée des Augustins, Toulouse (Salon de l'Union artistique de Toulouse, 1891)

Circa 1890-1900