

Portrait Shroud of a Young Man

Date

first half of the 4th century

Primary Maker

Unknown

Medium

Linen covered with gesso and paint, mounted on wood

Dimensions

52 x 16 x 1/16 in. (132.1 x 40.6 x 0.1 cm)

Classifications

Textiles

Credit Line

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Provenance

Art market, New York, NY, 1976; McAlpine Ancient Art, London, UK; sold to NCMA, 1978.

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Exhibition History

Raleigh, NC, North Carolina Museum of Art, "The People's Collection, Reimagined," October 7, 2022–October 30, 2023.