



Ring, Monte Alban replica

Date

early 20th-mid 20th Century

Primary Maker

Artist not recorded

Medium

Gold

Description

Large gold ring with three dimensional eagle head and dangles. The base of the ring is a thick gold band decorated with filigree scrolling and dots in relief. A

curved fan-like section extends up the finger from the front of the ring (following the shape of the finger). The extension is decorated with more scrolling and some linear filigree (this area looks similar to a flat organ or harp). The eagle head juts out from the center of this decoration. Its head feathers are articulated in more gold filigree. In the eagle's beak, it holds a hoop attached to a forked piece from which two hollow teardrop shaped dangles hang. A second identical forked piece with dangles is attached beneath it to a filigree bird's foot soldered to the band; the piece hangs off the bottom of the band. A hole in the left bird claw indicates it probably would have had a third forked piece attached. The teardrop shaped dangles are hollow and have small openings at their ends to give them the appearance of bells.

Dimensions

2 1/2 × 7/8 × 1 1/2 in. (6.4 × 2.3 × 3.8 cm)