Basic Detail Report



Necklace and Earrings

Medium

Gold, marble, glass, silk

Description

A parure set of necklace and earrings, featuring micromosaic panels. The necklace consists of a large central heart-shaped pendant of gold, set with a multicolored scene of swimming swans in bold blue, red, and white, with a pair of doves and tiny geometric medallions surrounding the central scene. Tiny gold rings attach to either side of the panel from which hang finely twisted gold wire and pendant beads, a small lower pendant medallion, and two small side panels. The pendant assembly hangs from an 18 inch bar and ring gold chain with two small micromosaic spacer panels, fastening with a safety catch. On the back of the central pendant is a small colorless glass oval compartment lined

with purple silk, probably to receive a woven hair memento. The set also includes a pair of matching earrings, with similar swan panels, in gold settings with screw-back earlobe fasteners. The original Holmes accession records assigned number 1322 to the necklace and 1323 to the earrings.

Dimensions

9.63 × 1.19 in. (24.5 × 3 cm)