

An elegant 19th century gold brooch with aquamarines and agate cameo. Head of Arethusa.

Circa: 1840-1850

5.8 x 4.9 cm (2 $^{1}/_{4}$ x 1 $^{7}/_{8}$ inches)

Gold (18k-head of eagle) ; Total weight 35,79 gr

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Arethusa, daughter of Nereus and Doris, is depicted here with her typical elaborate hairstyle. As in the Syracuse silver decadrams dating back to 415-400 BC signed by Kimon, Arethusa wears earrings and a pearl necklace.

The cameo is expertly carved in high relief and mounted in a stunning French brooch with aquamarines and small diamonds. Excellent condition (*there is only a small chip on the bust on the front*).