

201 A MAGNIFICENT ROMAN AGATE PLATE

*Rome, 4th–5th century AD*  
*Size: 36 cm diameter*



The banded agate has swirling *maculae*, a quality much appreciated in the ancient world. This type of large flat murrhine is referred to by Juvenal as *maximae*, a high-end luxury product of the time, and the unpolished peg at the back was for fixing to a separate foot. It has been re-polished in more recent times.

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