

## ERIK BIJZET SCULPTURE AND WORKS OF ART



Relief with Saint Ladislav on horseback

German, Middle Rhine, mid- 15th century, alabaster, 27 by 20 cm.

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