

Canterbury Astrolabe Quadrant

The British Museum (BM) acquired a unique 14th century brass astrolabe quadrant. The museum had previously attempted to acquire the item at auction, app no MF-06-01659, but were outbid. The astrolabe has now been export stopped by RCEWA.

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The Canterbury Astrolabe Quadrant

Region

London

Grant awarded

£125,000

Year awarded

2008

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British Museum second time lucky in securing astrolabe quadrant

The British Museum attempted to purchase the quadrant in 2007 but was outbid at auction. This extremely rare and important object was subsequently export-

stopped, and thanks to the generous assistance of the National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF), The Art Fund, the UK's leading independent art charity, and British Museum Friends, it has been acquired by the Museum and will be shown to the public for the first time.