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Date: ca. 1500 Period: Renaissance **Related People:** Artist/Maker: Artist Unknown Attribution: Unknown Artist, Northern Italy Culture: Italian Medium: tempera on wood Dimensions: Sight: 25 x 29 1/2 in. (63.5 x 74.9 cm) Framed: 34 x 38 3/4 x 4 in. (86.4 x 98.4 x 10.2 cm) Credit Line: Gift of The Samuel H. Kress Foundation Provenance: Donated to the Lowe Art Museum in 1961 by The Samuel H. Kress Foundation Sold July 17, 1950 to Samuel H. Kress, New York, NY (as Ercole Roberti). Collection of Co Contini Bonacossi, Rome-Florence, Italy. Collection of Otto Lanz, Amsterdam, The Netherl Description: The imagery of this painting is unparalleled among surviving secular works of Renaissance, however, a number of features suggest that it is an allegory about love and ma god of love, stands on the bow of the ship, guiding it under the protection of Fortune, repres statuette atop the canopy of the throne. Inscribed on the canopy is the Latin phrase: "Poems costly gifts are sought; so he [the lover] be wealthy, even a barbarian pleases. Now truly is t gold comes many an honor, by gold is affection gained" (Ovid's Ars Amatoria, 2.277-78). T maiden dreams of love, whereas her older companion understands the realities of marriage i Italy: she holds a covered chalice symbolizing constancy and faithfulness, and leans upon the throne decorated with a relief sculpture of a putto bridling a hybrid monster representing the The origins of the Ship of Love are unknown, but it probably was part of the lavish furnishing bedchamber, antechamber, or study of a patrician's palace. Place Made: Italy Object Number: 61.032.000

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