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Coscienza di sé Spilla, oro, gesso, colla, inchiostro, resina, 1,9 x 8,4 x 6,7 cm 2011 - Foto di Anna Fornari

Self-awareness Brooch, gold, plaster, glue, ink, resin, 1.9 x 8.4 x 6.7 cm 2011 - Photo by Anna Fornari Bernabei's creation is constructed around a clever play of parallels, gravitating around the figure of Giotto, by whorn she was influenced. In an ideal creative bond, she links her work as a jewellery-maker with the magnificent mastery of Giotto, famous for having revolutionised pictorial language in his time. In a similar fashion, Bernabei's work questions the use of materials and techniques traditionally used in jewellery. Her decision to give this jewel the form of an ellipse with an underlying half-torsion, or bend, highlights a development in the concept of the circle, one of the fundaments of geometry which Giotto had so carefully studied.