The Crown of Guardianship



THE FIRST OFFICIAL CROWN OF THE REIGN

The history

Before the Guardianship, he was King of the House of Hearts. In its later days, he ordered numerous exiles as members' conduct brought the family and the institution into worrisome disrepute. The remaining family eventually disbanded. The King carried his title onward, though he no longer had a court around him.

Her Royal Nuggetness knew none of this when he arrived with a gift.

For one week, he gifted her Full Royal detail Guardianship. He had seen guardians protect others before and felt called to do the same for her. When that week ended, he gifted it again. Two weeks of protection became a friendship, and Her Royal Nuggetness decided the arrangement ought never to expire.

By her declaration, he was King of Guardianship. Should another guardian appear for a week, that would be a temporary matter. His place, she had decided, was permanent.

There was, however, a detail missing from her royal calculations: he was already a King.

Her Royal Nuggetness had not created a monarch. She had bestowed a new office upon an existing one.

The King observed that a King of Guardianship should be suitably crowned and styled. Her Royal Nuggetness agreed, and the Royal Atelier put its plans into motion. A Crown arose with Deer antlers above a shifting green and purple finish, made for this title alone. It awaited the King's coronation, which has now taken place.

The Crown of Guardianship is the first Official Crown of this King's reign. Also the first item admitted to the Royal collection of regalia of the House, and its heirs at accession. It honours the protection he chose to give, the bond that grew from it, and the gloriously unresolved question of whether Her Royal Nuggetness appointed a King, or accidentally acquired one.

DESIGN & SYMBOLISM

ANTLERED FORM

Tall branching deer antlers rise above an open circlet, with shorter swept points around the band.

SHIFTING COLOUR

Green and purple alternate across the faceted surface as the viewing angle changes.

GUARDIANSHIP

Freely chosen protection, a lasting friendship, and a new office bestowed upon an existing King.

Catalogue illustration based on the workshop photograph.