

Basic Detail Report



Zither

Date

1890

Medium

wood, metal, bone

Description

Mostly made of wood; basic rectangular shape with outward slope on right side to make shape irregular; top side is also angled; black rectangular bar (finger board) along left side with metal piece attached to the wood right above it; resembles a guitar neck; five enclosed tuners on metal piece and five bone knobs on side of zither (each lined up with a tuner); finger board likely stained fruit wood; 29 short metal pieces (frets) attached to finger board horizontally; three strings stretched over finger board, attached to bridge at bottom; bridge extends all the way across the bottom side; 31 wooden pegs across top side, in two rows; 31 steel peg row beneath them; Trapp's Zittern painted beneath the 31 peg row in gold

enamel; strings wound around wooden pegs; 20 stings of varying girth stretched between wooden pegs and bridge; two sound holes roughly in vertical center of instrument; larger one is beneath these strings; in this hole is the original label of Saiten & Musikinstrumenten Fabrik; smaller one to right of strings; in this hole is a patent stamp; two rows of steel pegs on bottom side of instrument; top row has 15 pegs and bottom has 21; narrow decorative border on sides of instrument and around both sound holes; back is black with three spherical 'legs' and one sound hole; small white tag attached to bottom-most bone knob with red string; reads, Meister Zither Hermann Trapp Wildstein sehr rares Instr. Z 18 on one side and GNN /OLNN on other

Dimensions

Overall: 13 x 1 3/4 x 22 1/16 in. (33 x 4.4 x 56 cm)