



Girl Dancing

Brief description: Stained glass light depicting a girl dancing. Designed and made by Thomas Cowell in the 1920's

Girl Dancing is one of two panels on the theme made in the 1920s by Thomas Cowell (1870-1944) for the bathroom of his family home in Surbiton, Surrey. A central blue acid-etched roundel depicts a girl, facing left, with long flowing hair, dancing over a moonbeam. The roundel is set in diamond quarries with small coloured pieces set in interstices made using small off-cuts of slab glass. The artist celebrates the lively and sparkling qualities of the slab glass material. At the bottom of the window there is a suggestion of some waves, and at the top some coloured clouds. The dancer is said to be inspired by the American dancer, Isadora Duncan (1877/78-1927), who performed throughout Europe and USA to much acclaim and was known for her free and natural movements.

Object type: light

Number of objects: 1

Production date: 1

Production period: 1920s

Designer: Thomas Cowell

Dimensions: Height: 640 mm, Width: 420 mm

Original location: Thomas Cowell's bathroom Surbiton Surrey England

Acquisition: gift 3.7.1993

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