Minstrels



Brief description: Stained glass panel depicting two minstrels - one playing the cymbals and the other a lute. Designed by William Morris for Morris & Co.

The panel depicts two minstrels (musicians) playing the cymbals and a lute. They stand under a classical arch with a background of pomegranates and roses and a decorated golden damask fabric. Made by William Morris (1834-1896), a well-known and well-loved artist, designer, writer and socialist activist associated with the British Arts & Crafts Movement. Morris, amongst many of his talents, was also a textile designer, poet, novelist, translator, activist and a stained glass artist. The panel was acquired by the museum in 2016 thanks to the generous bequest of Eila Grahame, an antiques dealer known for her sure eye and judgment as well as her unique shop in Kensington, with the support of the Art Fund.

Object type: panel

Number of objects: 1

Production date: 1870-1889

Production period: 19th century, late

Designer: William Morris

Manufacturer: Morris & Co

Dimensions: Height: 778 mm, Width: 857 mm

Acquisition: gift 4.11.2016

Acquisition source: The Art Fund Bequest Scheme

This item is not currently on display and can only be viewed by prior arrangement

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