

Basic Detail Report



Shoe Shine Stand

Date

c. 1930-1942

Primary Maker

Giovanni Indelicato

Medium

Metal, copper, brass, glass and cotton

Description

A: Shoeshine bench: The bench consists of a round seat for the shoeshiner to sit on and a raised foot rest for the show

/foot being worked on. The round cushion is removeable and can be flipped over. Both sides are covered in fabric. One side is covered in a yellow ground cotton with a red blue and green central flower motif, with flowers and leaves around the side. The raised foot rest sits on a red surface surrounded by brass tacks. The sides are all covered in thin copper sheeting and decorated with brass tacks. Each long side of the bench has a place for two tins of "Esquire" Brand boot black. All for tins are extant. The sides of the shoeshine bench are covered in a variety of baubles and beads that hang down or stick out from various places. B: Shoeshine chair: Piece consists of chair and pedestal. The pedestal has three parts, a base and two additional ornaments that sit between the chair legs. The chair is of average height and has long white legs and rounded strecher bars between all four legs. Two front legs have four brass tacks each as ornament. Seat is round with a cushion or red and blue velvet. The seat is surrounded by metal with brass tacks set into it. Baubles and glass beads hang from the seat- mostly of green glass, at center front is a round copper ornament. Chair back is curved and does not rise very high. It is painted white and a copper plate is attached to a portion of the seat back. Rising from the top of the seat are seven decorative flower pot type figures made of glass beads for flowers. Two brass nobbs are on either side of the chair back. The pedestal is round and rises from the ground a few inches. It is covered in a wall paper of red ground and silver colored fruit figures. The edge of the pedestal has a number of metal (curatin tie backs?) that are flowers and have been painted a variety of colors: green, red, pink, yellow. On the pedestal between the chair legs is placed two round metal pieces, one on top of the other. The first is similar to the pedestal- covered in red wall paper with silver fruit figures. Instead of curtain tie backs there are brass tacks decorating the edge. On top of this is a circular brass piece. C 1-2: Foot rest (c.1) or display with metal boot shoe (c.2): The foot rest or display is made up of two levels and sits on tiny cast iron feet. The two levels are divided by a level of round metal and wood balls. The shape of the foot rest is almost like an arrow with rounded edges. The edges are decorated with glass beads and brass tacks. The cast iron shoe is painted red with a tan toe. D: Stool, part of the Shoe Shine Stand. Stool has a scalloped edged top with a poofy cushion. Cushion is covered in cloth with yellow and orange flowers, with green leaves on a white ground. This cushion section is held up by what looks like ceramic ? pieces that give the appearance of

columns. Below this is another scalloped section. This section is edged in metal and fitted with brass studs. Red baubles and glass beads decorate this center section between the columns, and glass beads on short chains hang from above. The lower part of the stool has many decorations. The side legs seem to be covered in a wall paper or decoration of brown ground, green leaves and other red and black figures. Both legs are covered with brass tacks and glass beads hang down. In between the two legs is a cross bar section with many hanging decorations including beads, circular earring-like pieces, and mini flower pots, like those decorating the chair. All the colors chosen are quite bright and include beads of blue, yellow, red, green, copper and other metals.

Dimensions

Overall (a): $16 \times 14 \frac{1}{4} \times 33 \frac{1}{2} \times 13 \frac{3}{4}$ in. ($40.6 \times 36.2 \times 85.1 \times 34.9$ cm) Overall (b): 42×23 in. (106.7×58.4 cm) Overall (c1): $5 \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \frac{1}{4} \times 13 \frac{1}{2}$ in. ($14 \times 15.9 \times 34.3$ cm) Overall (c2): $5 \times 2 \frac{1}{4} \times 5$ in. ($12.7 \times 5.7 \times 12.7$ cm) Overall (d): $20 \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \frac{1}{4} \times 12$ in. ($52.1 \times 26 \times 30.5$ cm)