

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Nativity Music Box

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Erzgebirge

Medium

Wood (balsa), Paint, Metal

Description

A light wood-toned music box with a nativity scene that rotates while the music plays. The base of the music box is decorated with a Middle Eastern cityscape painted on it. The top is made up of a building with three palm trees

and a shooting star. Stationary against the building are Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus on one side, as well as a shepherd and two sheep on the other. Turning around them are the three wise men, a man with a camel and four soldiers with swords and spears.

Dimensions

7 1/2 × 10 1/2 in. (19.1 × 26.7 cm)

Historical Note

Pre-inaugural gift 1981-01-13.

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