



Bowl

Daum Frères

Not on display

Title/Description: Bowl

Artist/Maker: Daum Frères (Manufacturer)

Born: 1910 c.

Object Type: Bowl

Materials: Enamel, Glass

Technique: Enameling, Etching

Measurements: h. 70 x w. 160 x d. 160 mm

Inscription: 'Daum Nancy France'

Accession Number: 21042

Historic Period: 20th century

Production Place: France, Nancy

School/Style: Art Nouveau

Credit Line: Donated by Sir Colin and Lady Anderson, 1978

This round bowl with a quatrefoil rim is a product of Daum Frères, a glassmaking firm that was run by the brothers, Auguste Daum (1853-1909) and Antonin Daum (1864-1930). [1] In 1900, Daum Frères were awarded the Grand Prix at the Exposition Universelle in Paris for their technically innovative Art Nouveau glassware. [2]

The bowl was manufactured in a colourless glass and given a satin surface. Additions of purple powder melts in the stand area cast a violet light around the bowl's base. The bowl has been etched with a floral decoration and hand painted in coloured enamels with a naturalistic design of violets. This attractive pattern of violets was applied to various forms manufactured by Daum Glassworks (see Sainsbury Centre Collection No. 21043).

The wall of the vessel bears the cameo mark 'Daum Nancy France' with the cross of Lorraine. Glass artist, Émile Gallé (1846-1904), incorporated this patriotic symbol into his signature and the Daum Glassworks followed his example.

The cross of Lorraine is a reference to the annexation of French territory at the end of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, which resulted in the separation of Metz (Alsace-Lorraine) from southern Lorraine. The two horizontal bars of the cross represent the region's divided cities, Metz and Nancy. Following the war the cross was displayed as a symbol of anti-German resistance and expressed French desire for reunification. [3]

France reacted to its territorial loss by investing in the city of Nancy and strengthening the surrounding region politically and economically. In the years that followed, émigrés fled from Germany to Nancy, bringing with them investment capital and artisanal skills. One such immigrant was Jean Daum (1825-1885), the founder of the 'Verrèrie de Nancy' and father of Auguste and Antonin Daum. [4]

[1] Amanda Geitner and Emma Hazell, ed., *The Anderson Collection of Art Nouveau* (Norwich: Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia, 2003), pp. 130-31.

[2] Geitner, p. 131.

[3] Peter Clericuzio, 'Memory and Mass Mobilization: The Material Culture of the Alsace-Lorraine Question, 1885-1919', *The Journal of Decorative and Propaganda Arts*, Vol. 27, 'Souvenirs and Objects of Remembrance' (2015), pp. 172-195, (p. 180).

[4] Klaus-Jürgen Sembach, *Art Nouveau* (Köln: Taschen, 2000), pp. 65-66.

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