



Vase

Not on display

Title/Description: Vase

Born: 1900 c.

Materials: Glass, Pewter

Technique: Embossing

Measurements: h. 355 x w. 150 x d. 150 mm

Accession Number: 21050

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

This lime-green glass vase with pewter neck mount was possibly manufactured at a factory in Bohemia around 1900. Unfortunately, this object is unsigned and the manufacturer has not been identified.

Widest at the base and tapering towards the rim, the blow-moulded form of this vessel has diagonal indentations that create a spiralling effect. The vase is completed with a wide pewter neck mount with a repoussé design of pomegranates. Four green glass cabochons stud the rim, adding opulence to the hammered relief work of the mount. Imaginative interpretations of nature were a key characteristic of Art Nouveau design.

Between 1890 and 1910, the Art Nouveau style shaped the aesthetics of European and American architecture and applied design. The Austro-German counterpart to Art Nouveau, 'Jugendstil' (Youth Style), took its name from the Munich-based journal *Die Jugend*, which featured illustrations by Secessionist artists and avant-garde designers. [3] Bohemian glassworks were conscious of these artistic developments and catered to the growing demand in Europe's capital cities for innovative Jugendstil designs.

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