



## Menzenhauer's guitar-zither No. 2

### Date

1909 ca.

### Primary Maker

Oscar Schmidt

### Description

Strings: 31 strings (1 missing); 4 chords consisting of 4 strings each, 15 melody strings Body: Top: red-varnished birch; light gold decal pitch designation label with dark gold geometrical border; label shows chord spellings, string musical notations, string tunings, and string numbers Back: black-painted birch Sides: red-varnished maple Soundhole: gold decal; gold and red geometrical pattern inner most border surrounded by scrolling foliage outer border; decal depicts two harps and two mandolins flanking soundhole Nut: 2 piece red-varnished birch nut; portion of nut for chord strings perpendicular to strings; portion of nut for melody strings diagonal to strings;

single piece steel wire saddle; 2 holes for wire sheet music stand Bridge: red-varnished hardwood bridge with steel wire saddle; dark red-varnished hardwood endpiece Soundboard decal: located underneath chord side of nut; 3-sailed ship at sea with Hungarian flag, ship image surrounded by single line gold border; gold ribbon underneath ship image; first curve of ribbon in red printed: SPECIAL; second curve of ribbon in black printed: HUDSON - FULTON; third curve of ribbon in black printed: MODEL Tuning Pins: 31 steel tuning pins; 31 steel guide pins above nut with traces of red finish Table-top Rests: 3 dome-shaped bronze rests on back

### Dimensions

Body: 495 mm / 19.5 inches long, 310 mm / 12.2 inches wide Highest melody string vibrating length: 180 mm / 7.1 inches Lowest melody string vibrating length: 395 mm / 15.5 inches Chord string vibrating length: 395 mm / 15.5 inches