

# Basic Detail Report

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## Gusle

### Date

1940-1960 ca.

### Description

Body: neck, back and teardrop-shaped resonator carved from single piece of wood, maple (monoxylic construction); low relief chip carving throughout resonator: teardrop-shaped resonator; single soundhole in back; goatskin soundtable tacked to body with 30 wooden spikes; five small holes punched in soundtable between endpiece and bridge, forming five-hole “+” shape Finial: hand-carved, wooden finial as stylized horse head; integral construction Peg: hand-carved, wooden, posterior peg, carved with vertical lines bordered by a zigzag motif; housed in stylized, carved, wooden feline head, strings passing through cat’s mouth Bridge: carved wooden bridge in form of stylized serpent, notch cut in upper edge where string rests String: consists of 48 horse hairs, tied to peg and to a segment of vegetal twine secured around endpiece (part of single piece construction) in the form of an owl Associated bow: single-piece construction with stylized serpent handle, with two irregularly shaped cut-outs and a protruding head, and convex stick; at this



juncture, a small drilled hole (perpendicular to bow construction) through which an undecorated

### Dimensions

Width of resonator: 146.05 mm (5.75 in) Overall length: 552.45 mm (21.75 in) String length (knot on vegetal twine to peg): 381 mm (15 in) Length of bow: 320.68 mm (12.63 in) Bow string length: 215.9 mm (8.5 in) Length of bridge: 83 mm (3.27 in) Distance between legs of inverted “v”: 43 mm (1.69 in) Width of bridge: 9.5 mm (.37 in) Height of bridge: 30 mm (1.18 in) Height of notch (distance from base of bridge to lowest point of notch): 27 mm (1.06 in)