

Basic Detail Report



Zitho-harp

Date

1900 ca.

Primary Maker

Bredshall & Faber

Description

Strings: 41 strings; 5 chords consisting of 4 strings each strung horizontally across soundboard with bass strings at top of each chord; 21 melody strings strung vertically across soundboard Body: Top: black-painted birch; 2 holes in melody string pin block for wire sheet music stand

Back: black-painted birch Sides: black-painted birch Soundhole: circular soundhole centered on soundboard; 5 ply decorative decal border, red innermost border red and gold border, black and gold border, thin red and gold border, light gold border, dark gold border Nut: 2 nuts; black-painted birch with steel saddle for chord strings, chord nut located vertical to soundboard; 2 piece black-painted maple nut with single piece steel saddle for melody strings, portion of nut for lowest melody strings located perpendicular to strings, portion of nut for higher melody strings located diagonal to strings Bridge: 2 bridges; each bridge black painted birch with steel saddle and black-painted birch endpiece; bridge for chord strings shorter, located on left side of soundhole; bridge for melody strings longer, located below soundhole Decoration: Manufacturing decal: gold frame with scrolling edges located on top left corner of soundboard; frame flanked on left and right sides by floral accents; green ribbon accent underneath frame; within gold frame in gold printed: MANFD. BY / Bredshall & Faber / CHICAGO, U.S.A. / PAT. JUNE 19TH 1900. Model decal: yellow plaque with gold scrolling border; on plaque in gold printed: ZITHOHARP; on plaque in black printed: TRADE / MARK; golden eagle with wings spread over top of four American flags located above plaque Pitch designation decal: curving yellow ribbon with scrolling gold border decal located underneath both chord strings and melody strings; decal accented with gold image of a lyre and gold scroll accents in the corner and at the end of the ribbon; decal indicates chord spellings and chord numbers; decal indicates melody string tuning and melody string numbers Tuning Pins: chord string tuners: 20 blued steel tuning pins located on shortest side of body Melody string tuners: 21 blued steel tuning pin located on curvilinear side of body Table-top Rests: 3 dome-shaped rests on back, 1 in each corner

Dimensions

Body: 474 mm / 18.7 inches wide, 460 mm / 18.1 inches long Chord string vibrating length: 415 mm / 16.3 inches Highest melody string vibrating length: 185 mm / 7.3 inches Lowest melody string vibrating length: 410 mm / 16.1 inches