

OBJECT ID	2013.24.5a
OBJECT NAME	Lyre
DATE CREATED	before 1922
MATERIAL	Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Beck, Ariadne (collected by) Crete, (created by)
ACCESS POINTS	horse hair instrument Music strings Wood

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Antique Lyre, also known as a lyra, from Greece in the Cretian style. Handmade, hand carved pear shaped, three string fiddle. Made from a dark wood (walnut or mulberry), light weight. No siginficant design work or accreditation to one particular artist/maker. Lyra stands on three long tuners in the back. Lyra is missing bridge for strings to site over half-moon openings. Missing piece located inside the lyra, loose. This lyre accompanies item 2013.24.5b.

ORIGIN

Handmade lyre from Crete. Shape differs from lyre in Greece, which presents more as a harp shape, over a guitar shape. Lyre purchase in 1964, Irakleia, Greece. Cretian lyre modelled after guitar and violin.

CITATION

Lyre, before 1922, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/11/26.