



OBJECT ID	F2016.114
OBJECT NAME	Tamboura
MEASUREMENTS	3.65252 cm. W x 16.1925 cm. L, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Metal; Wood
ACCESS POINTS	Tamboura

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Small model of a tamboura, a two stringed instrument. It is made of wood with a large bowl and long neck. the neck has three faded circles on it, as well as a circle on the head, which has a yellow bead with a metal top, as if for tuning. There is a thin white piece of rope attached to the head to make a loop. The bowl of the instrument has a circle of yellow dots around it and a red spot. There is a small rough hole.

ORIGIN

This, and several other objects, were found next to a note with the name "Mary P. Fotopoulos." However, since no accession record can be found for any of the objects, it is unclear which of them were donated by Mary Fotopoulos.

A tamboura is a Greek traditional string instrument of Byzantine origin. It has existed since at least the 10th century, when it was known in Assyria and Egypt. It has a characteristic long neck and two strings, tuned 5 notes apart.

CITATION

Tamboura, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/28/24.