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OBJECT NAME	Lyre
MATERIAL	Metal; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Adamidis, Konstantinos (created by) Adamidis, Konstantinos (owned by) Adamidis, Alexandra (is related to) Adamidis, Konstantinos (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Musical Instrument Pontian instrument Pontic Lyra

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A musical instrument hand-made from polished light and dark colored wood. There are three strings and three tuning nobs on the neck of the lira. There are two holes on each side of the lira and one on each side towards the end of the neck. The sides, bottom, neck, and designed wood on the top are all dark colored wood with the light colored wood on the top. The designed wood goes from the neck towards the middle of the lira with cut outs of ovals, curved and straight lines, circles, and other various shapes. The neck is a heart shape with three bumps down the tip of the lira.

ORIGIN

Konstantinos Adamidis was born in Tiltis, Greece and met Alexandra, who was born in Istanbul, in Greece. The two married once they moved to the United States. Konstantinos made custom furniture and the instrument, both of which he sold in large quantities. The instrument is a Pontian instrument that he made by hand but he did not know how to play it. Konstantinos died on July 30, 2007.

CITATION

Lyre, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/26/24.