Photograph

Place of origin: Buckingham Palace (photographed)

Date: 02/06/1953 (photographed)

Artist/Maker: Beaton, Cecil (Sir), born 1904 - died 1980 (photographer)

Materials and Techniques: photography

Credit Line: Bequeathed to the Museum in 1987 by Eileen Hose, secretary to the photographer

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Gallery location: In Storage

Descriptive line


Physical description

Colour photograph depicting Queen Elizabeth II on her Coronation Day, 2nd June 1953. Seated upon a throne, the new Queen is crowned and holds the orb and sceptre. She is dressed in an elaborately embroidered gown and wears a long dark cloak. The cloak, like the gown, is embroidered with golden threads. It is trimmed with a thick white and black fur and fastened with broad, golden braids and knots. Her jewels, crown and clothing glisten. The scene is framed by a heavy draped curtain, which is tied back to reveal a painted backdrop depicting the grand latticed naves of Westminster Abbey (where the Coronation ceremony had taken place shortly before this sitting).

Dimensions

Width: 41 cm image, Height: 51 cm image, Width: 42.3 cm paper, Height: 52 cm paper

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