Banner - Let Glasgow Flourish

Object: Banner

Place of origin: Glasgow (made)

Date: 1901 (made)

Artist/Maker: Macbeth, Ann, born 1875 - died 1948 (embroiderer)
Newbery, Jessie, born 1864 - died 1948 (embroiderer)

Materials and Techniques: Hessian with applique linen, embroidered with metal threads and coloured silks

Credit Line: Lent by the British Association for the Advancement of Science

Museum number: LOAN:BRITISH ASSOC.1-2004

Gallery location: On display in the Scottish Design Galleries, V&A Dundee

Descriptive line
Banner, designed and embroidered by Jessie Newbery and Ann Macbeth, 1901, Glasgow

Physical description
Double-sided banner of hessian embroidered in applique linen, metal threads and coloured silks, using satin, stem and straight stitches. The front side shows a stylised coat of arms of the city of Glasgow, with the words 'Let Glasgow Flourish' below. On the other side is another coat of arms, with image at the top of a woman in green robes, flanked by a pair of wings, and standing on top of an armour helmet, with three green strands on either side as crest, per pale with woman holding a bird in one hand and resting her other on an anchor, whilst standing on a half globe. Quartered right side with double lion rampant with triple shells in white on wavy edged black with yellow band, below which is a Latin motto 'Dum Spiro Spero' ('while I breathe, I hope'). Underneath this motto is the inscription 'Rucker Glasgow 1901'. There is a blue silk cord threaded through the top of the banner, with tassels falling down the sides.

Dimensions
Length: 1480 mm, Width: 880 mm, Height: 153 cm flat on table, Width: 89.5 cm flat on table

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Object history note
This banner was presented in 1901 to Professor Rucker of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. The side showing the coat of arms of the city of Glasgow was designed by Ann Macbeth, the other side by Jessie Newbery. This banner has been on loan to the Museum since 2005, having originally been lent for the V&A exhibition International Arts and Crafts (RF 2004/275).

URL
http://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O298013/let-glasgow-flourish-banner-macbeth-ann/