

Lamp base - In the style of Bernard Palissy

Ceramics and Glass Collection

Accession Nr.:	1279 
Artist/Maker:	Zsolnay, Júlia (1856 - 1950) / designer
Manufacturer:	Zsolnay factory (Pécs)
Place of production:	Pécs
Inscription:	alján masszába nyomva: kör közepén Z. W. PÉCS.
Materials:	hard earthenware
Techniques:	assembled cast parts; painted with polychrome glazes
Dimensions:	height: 35,8 cm base diameter: 18 cm opening diameter: 5,3 cm

The ball-shaped body of a high, broad and straight neck is supported by three snail horns. The upwardly crawling snails are naturalistic. Narrow leaves, fern stems, small, knobbed reed grow from the bottom, reaching towards the top. The hemispherical top has a round slot it is decorated with round leaves, snails and fern stems. The moss is imitated by thin, scrolled clay threads. At the bottom of the neck, there are three lizards, a frog and snails in a scattered arrangement. Two large snails crawl on the neck. The shape and colouring of the decoration are naturalistic.

The lamp was made after the Mannerist ceramics of Bernard Palissy, called *rustiques figulines du Roy*.

It can be identified as façon number 659. According to Teréz Zsolnay's notebook (see JPM Inv.No. 1578- 91-1584) it was designed in August, 1880. For the referring lines in her memories see: Zsolnay Teréz - Zsolnay Margit: Zsolnay. *A gyár és a család története, 1863-1948*. Budapest 1974, 94.

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