Vase - With decoration imitating so-called Saracen (Arabic) silk fabric

Ceramics and Glass Collection

Accession Nr.:	1346
Manufacturer:	Zsolnay factory (Pécs)
Place of production:	Pécs
Inscription:	alján masszába nyomva: ZSOLNAY / PÉCS / 4296; vörös körben arannyal: öttornyos gyári jegy / ZSOLNAY PÉCS. felirat
Materials:	hard earthenware
Techniques:	cast; painted with polychrome eosin glazes
Dimensions:	height: 40,7 cm opening diameter: 14,5 cm base diameter: 10,7 cm

>Preparing for the year of the Millennium (1896), researching the origin and style of the Hungarians, several special patterns were created in the Zsolnay factory in Pécs, which were combined with the iridescent eosin glaze technique. The decoration, which consists of figures of griffins and phoenixes sitting on palmette-leaf tendrils, imitates the pattern of a North African “Saracen” (Arabic) silk fabric preserved in the Museum of Applied Arts in Vienna. The ornamentation was published in Pattern Book of Friedrich Fischbach, titled *Ornamente der Gewebe* (Hanau 1874). (Fig. 96/A – see here and here)



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