Jug - Dog shaped

Ceramics and Glass Collection

Accession Nr.:	20009
Date of production:	ca. 1700
Place of production:	Transylvania
Inscription:	jelzetlen
Materials:	cobalt glass (coloured by cobalt oxide)
Techniques:	blown; hot sculpted glass; hot-applied glass threads; hot-formed
Dimensions:	height: 18 cm length: 23 cm

This is one of the most interesting examples of seventeenth-century Transylvanian colored glass objects is this cobalt blue dog shaped vessel. Its shape is very similar to certain early seventeenth-century German humorous glass works (*Scherzgefäß* - see here), and this points to the fact that Transylvanian glassworkers continued to look to German inspiration alongside that of Venice and Murano.

The coloring - a specific dark cobalt blue – on the other hand, is completely different from the German tradition, since they are usually colorless (impurities will often give them a light green color) with colored decorative lines, most frequently red glass. This intense blue color, almost leaning towards violet, is a typical tone for early Transylvanian cobalt glassworks.

Next to the colorless, clear, honey yellow and red-brown colores, by the beginning of the seventeenth century blue glass was the most widespread, particularly in glass blowing workshops of Komána (today Comăna, Romania) and Porumbák (today Porumbacu, Romania).

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