

Kimono

Textile and Costume Collection

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Artist/Maker: Bittmann, Ignaz (1851 - 1913)

Date of production: early 20th century

Inscription: Ignatz Bittmann, Wien, bélézésében

Materials: silk

Techniques: embroidered in silk thread

Dimensions: length: 127 cm
width: 109 cm

Made of black silk with a light blue lining, and embroidered with Japanese motifs in black and white silk thread, this kimono was once in the wardrobe of Countess Klára Hadik-Barkóczy, née Zichy (1875–1946). It has the label of Ignaz Bittmann (1851–1913) sewn into the lining; the Viennese textile manufacturer was one of the largest producers of children’s clothing in Austria-Hungary, a manufacturer of lingerie, and a purveyor to the court.

The colourful silks and kimonos displayed in the Japanese pavilion of the 1900 Exposition Universelle of Paris made a strong impression on the fashion scene of Paris and, subsequently, of Europe. Several companies exported original Japanese kimonos, photos and drawings of them appeared in fashion magazines, and this Japanese garment became popular in Europe.

Literature

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