



JUGENDSTIL VITRINE JOSEPH M. OLBRICH ATTR. A NAGEL VIENNA CA. 1905

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Jugendstil Vitrine part of a complete dining room, design attributed to Joseph M. Olbrich, manufactured by A. Nagel Vienna, ca. 1905, stained oak, thuja veneered, mother-of-pearl inlays, brass, original fittings

The Jugendstil vitrine is part of a complete dining room manufactured by fine Viennese cabinetmaker A. Nagel. The exquisite ensemble dating from ca. 1905 also includes an extendable dining table with six chairs, a large sideboard, a grandfather-clock and a side table. Stylistically very similar, the Secessionist furniture and a large sideboard designed by Joseph Maria Olbrich are illustrated in the exhibition catalog of the 1984 Venice Biennale "Le Arti a Vienna". Thus, we feel confirmed in our assumption to attribute the whole ensemble to famous architect-designer Olbrich.

The vitrine is made of solid oak finest Viennese cabinetmaker quality bearing a relief-like ornamentation with mother-of-pearl inlays on the front. The two-piece body is stained and polished, its interior in the upper part lavishly veneered with thuja-wood. Display case and hinged drawer enthuse with their relief carvings, contrasting mother-of-pearl ornaments and faceted glass.

Particularly charming are the decorative elements made of cast and chased brass featuring stylized flowers on the display case door and drawer-fitting. The vitrine perfectly reflects the taste of the wealthy upper class in Vienna around 1900 and testifies to the superb quality of Fine Viennese cabinetmaking of the time.

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