Basic Detail Report



Manifer

Date

about 1590-1600

Primary Maker

workshops of Wolf and Peter von Speyer

Medium

Steel, iron, leather and black paint

Description

The gauntlets seem to be a pair, and may relate to the group marked with *. Manifer has long rigid cuff and three deep flexible

lames below. The shape and execution of the cuff is similar to the right gauntlet, but less pointed and boxish, having slightly more concave sides, and a notched slightly curved edge at the wrist opening. There is a full-length, low medial ridge. The cuff extends out over the thumb base and the finger knuckles, is embossed for the ulna, and has fittings for the transverse buckled strap that encircles the wrist. The lames below overlap toward the cuff. They are deep, roundedly curved to the hand, and each has a strong, boxed and file-roped rib across the bevelled upper edge, the rib serving as a stop-rib. At either end the lames work on domed rivets in lobate extensions of the plates. The uppermost lame has an integral oval plate to defend the thumb. It is finished with a hollow-flanged edge and a wide shallow recessed plain border. The terminal lame below is bossed in a deep, half round shape, and is decorated as the cuff. The manifer also retains its original leather glove of mitten form with thumb. The palm is slit across the fingers in order to permit slipping them out of the glove in order to grasp the reins and one or both of the original, transverse straps riveted to the lames here.

Dimensions

38 × 17 cm (14 15/16 × 6 11/16 in.), 3 lb, 3 oz (weight)