



Bodyguard Glaive

Date

early 1700s

Primary Maker

Venetian

Medium

chased and engraved steel, brass, wood, velvet, wool

Description

Steel. Very large highly ornamented single edge blade curving to acute point. Flat back edge with decorative projection pierced to resemble an addorsed pair of lions rampant on either side of leaved projection with addorsed griffin heads. Base of blade with addorsed pair of hippocampus torsos. Both faces symmetrically decorated with crown, figure of Fame, military trophies, angel and grotesque devices amidst foliation. Blade fits into faceted socket, itself mounted into beveled rectangular knop atop beveled rectangular socket. Fitted onto velvet-covered octagonal section wooden staff with domed and conical brass tacks overall and pair of red tassels.

Dimensions

114 15/16 in. x 41.9 cm (9 9/16 ft, 16 1/2 in.) Weight: 18 lb.