



CONDITION REPORT: MTM.2019.0164.0166

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TECHNICAL DETAILS

NAME: Robertos' suitcase
EVENT: Robertos Theater
REFERENCE: MTM.2019.0164.0166
DATE: 2019
STORAGE REF: —
TPOLOGY: set
HEIGHT: 400 mm (1'3" in)
WIDTH: 7150 mm (23'5" in)
LENGTH: 200 mm (0'7" in)
WEIGHT: 5550 g (12.24 lb)

DESCRIPTION

The suitcase holds the objects, the puppets, and has a symbolic and affective character. The suitcase presented here has been with the puppeteer since childhood, having been passed down from her Aunt Lina as an inheritance.

During the performance, the suitcase is visible to the audience in front of the guardhouse on the floor, conveying its aged character. It also serves as cushioning in the event of robertos accidentally falling, which sometimes happens during performances. This figures carved from wood could break without any protection against falling.

OBJECT HISTORY

2 November 2023 - DAMAGED
The suitcase handle is loose.

PROPER CARE - GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Objects must be shielded from direct sunlight at all times to prevent UV damage and fading.
- Maintain a stable environment; avoid exposure to high humidity or rapid moisture fluctuations.
- A strict no-touch policy is in effect for both the public and curatorial staff to prevent oil and acid transfer.
- Authorized handlers must wear appropriate archival gloves whenever contact is necessary.
- Visitors and staff are permitted to take photographs and videos for personal use only.
- The use of flash is strictly prohibited to protect light-sensitive materials.
- No captured imagery may be used to produce saleable goods, such as postcards, books, or merchandise.
- Wheels or casters attached to objects are for on-stage positioning only and are not for general transport.
- Objects must be moved using a secondary dolly or professional equipment rather than their own casters.
- No food, liquids, or smoking are permitted within the immediate vicinity of the objects.
- No cleaning agents, polishes, or dusters should be applied to the objects except by authorized conservation staff.
- Objects must be displayed on stable, level surfaces and secured against accidental tipping or vibration.
- Display areas must be monitored by staff or camera surveillance at all times during public hours.
- Any accidental contact, change in condition, or environmental spike must be reported to the lender within 24 hours.
- Maintain controlled temperatures between 18-22°C to prevent thermal damage to materials.
- Ensure adequate ventilation without direct air currents that could cause dust or environmental fluctuations.
- Conduct regular conservation inspections and document any changes in the condition of objects.
- In case of emergency, follow established evacuation and object protection protocols.