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Title Side Chair

Date 1740-1780

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Maple primary wood, ash secondary wood

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Description Maple side chair in the Queen Anne, or late baroque style, with a

yoke-shaped crest rail, a vase-shaped splat, a rush seat, and turned stretchers

and front legs. The back of the chair is formed by a yoke-shaped crest rail atop

two stiles. Centered below the crest rail is a solid, vase-shaped splat, which

attaches at the bottom to the stay rail. The bottom front edge of the stay rail is

molded with a cyma curve, or S-curve. Above the seat, each stile angles

backward slightly. Below the seat, each stile forms a straight leg with a foot that

flares back slightly. Each front leg is turned with a sequence of baluster, block,

baluster, block, over a deeply curved Spanish foot. Above the top turned

baluster, each front leg has a block that supports the rails of the rush seat, which

is trapezoidal in shape. The front stretcher connecting the front legs is turned

with a double-baluster-and-ring form. Each side has two stretchers; the top

stretcher is turned with a double-baluster-and-ring form, while the bottom

stretcher is turned with a double-baluster form. The back has a single stretcher

turned with a double-baluster form. Painted Decoration (later addition). The

frame is painted black overall, with gold highlights on the crest rail, the upper

stiles, the splat, the stay rail, the front legs and the front and side stretchers.

Condition: The back edges of the front left foot are replaced. The frame is re-

painted, and the rush seat is replaced. Design and Construction Details: The

crest rail is supported by tenons at the top of each stile; each of these joints is

secured with a wooden pin. The splat is tenoned into the crest rail above and

into the stay rail below. The back edges of the splat and each stile are

chamfered. The stay rail is tenoned into each stile. Each seat rail is bladelike,

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with a rounded outer edge and a tapered inner edge. The seat rails have round tenons that extend into the stiles at the back, and into the separate block at the top of each leg in the front. The stretchers have round tenons that extend into the front or back legs.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 42 1/2 x 20 3/8 x 17 1/2in. (108 x 51.8 x 44.5cm)