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Title Armchair

Date 1947-1960s

Primary Maker Hans Jorgen Wegner

Medium Ash, teak, rope

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Description Ash "Peacock" armchair in the Windsor style, with a fan-back,

turned arm supports, legs, and stretchers, and a rush seat. The back of the chair

consists of an arched bow that contains sixteen spindles of varying height. All

but each end spindle is turned with an ovoid bulge; these bulges are arranged in

an arch across the back of the seat. Each teak arm is flat, ear-shaped, and tilted

up; it is supported at the front by an arm support that extends down through the

side seat rail to the medial stretcher. The seat is trapezoidal in shape, and

constructed of thin rope woven around the exterior and interior seat rails that

form the seat. The seat is supported by four plain legs that are raked, or tilted

out from top to bottom. Each side of the chair has a single stretcher that is

turned with an ovoid form in the center. A medial stretcher, with an ovoid form

at either end that supports the arm supports, joins the two side stretchers. The

chair frame has a colorless varnish. Condition: The arms are worn and have

darkened. The rope that forms the right side of the seat has loosened slightly.

The lower front legs are worn and scratched. Design and Construction Details:

The bow is supported on a tenon at the top of each of the spindles, and is

tenoned down into the side seat rails. The spindles are tenoned down into the

back and side seat rails. The seat is constructed of front, side and back seat rails;

the end of each rail has long tenons that interlock, or laminate, to the tenons of

the adjoining seat rail at the corner. The seat has three additional inner seat rails

that run along the inside of the side and back seat rails. The seat is constructed

of rope, or cord, that is woven around the front seat rail, the front of the side

seat rails, and all three of the inner seat rails. The seat frame is supported on a

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through tenon at the top of each leg. The through tenons extend up through each laminated corner of the seat frame and each has a small wedge of dark wood inserted through the end of the tenon. The side stretchers are tenoned into the lower legs. The medial stretcher is tenoned into the side stretchers. The arm is supported on a tenon at the top of the arm support; each arm support extends down through the side seat rail and is tenoned into the medial stretcher.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 42 1/8 x 30 1/2 x 28 3/4in. (107 x 77.5 x 73cm)