



Inv. no. 31/25c (Rosenborg Slot)

CAT. 56. POLONAISE CARPET WITH FANCIFUL FLOWERS

IRAN, ISFAHAN; C. 1650

This incredibly well preserved and vibrant silk carpet was first mentioned in Rosenborg Castle's archives in 1718, but may have come to Denmark in around 1666 together with the famous coronation carpet that is also found at Rosenborg today.

Experts have described the carpet as a *polonaise* without a metal ground made in the court workshops in Isfahan, although the pattern may resemble the less costly Isfahan carpets of wool.

The design, symmetrical over two axes, is dominated by blue arabesques holding feather-like serrated leaves, smaller flowers, and ten large composite flowers. These last elements are various fantasies on Chinese models combined with leaves, smaller flowers, and something that resembles pomegranates.