



Horace Pippin

Title

Potted Plant in Window

Medium

Oil on canvas

Date

1944

Dimensions

7 × 9 in. (17.8 × 22.9 cm)

Catalogue Number

81.34

Credit Line

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Scott, 1981

Web Description

A twentieth-century American artist renowned for his bold, engaging compositions, Horace Pippin was born in nearby West Chester, Pennsylvania. He served overseas in World War I as part of the African American regiment that came to be known as the Harlem Hellfighters. He was severely wounded by a sniper in France, leaving his right arm impaired. Despite this, Pippin taught himself how to paint in the late 1920s using his left hand as a support. He was quickly embraced nationally by museums, galleries, critics, and collectors that recognized— in his flat simplified shapes and intense blocks of color as in *Potted Plant in Window* —a singular new vision of modernism.