

Re: FW: Care Instructions for Sculpture and The Lost Wax Process



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Hi Chelsea,

I would definitely make some changes to the artist's recommendations. Please do not wipe the sculpture down with ethanol or alcohol unless you are planning on applying a new lacquer coating.

We do actually wax lacquer coatings which does extend the life of the sculpture and the coating. We have a case study where 300 bronzes were coated with G.J. Nicholas lacquer and have been washed and waxed for the past 10 years without replacing the coating.

Please ask the artist how often the lacquer coating should be applied.

The patina is a nice brown, which should hold up to changes over time. However, expect this sculpture to be touched lovingly by residents, this will most likely create high touch areas where the patina and lacquer are removed over time.

Would you be able to document the chemical patina used by the artist? We can document and access the sculpture when we are there. Current recommendations for bronze are washing and waxing 2x per year.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions, feel free to call. I apologize for the delayed response, as I've been onsite working most days.

Best Regards,

Lucinda

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