



Artifact Showcase: Telefunken “Sonata”

The Museum generally limits accessions to items made in the United States. But on rare occasions we make an exception. We keep a few foreign radios in the collection just to show how their styling differs from U.S. brands. In this case, we decided to keep this Telefunken radio/phonograph console Model 5083 WK because its attractive cabinet is in mint condition.

We find that many American families own German-brand radios such as Grundig and Telefunken from the 1950s and '60s. That's because so many American GIs were stationed in Germany after WW II. These high performance radios were for sale in PXs for very reasonable prices and so many American soldiers purchased them and brought them home.

We appreciate your support of the museum so that historical artifacts like this one, and the stories that go with them, can be preserved for future generations. THANKS!

