

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Yaoure Mask

Date

20th Century

Medium

Wood, Plastic

Description

A wooden yaoure mask. The mask features a human face with 3 points down each side of the face and a goatee broken up into 3 sections. The hair of the mask appears to be pinned back. The mask comes with a lucite stand for display.

Dimensions

15 × 10 × 4 in. (38.1 × 25.4 × 10.2 cm)

Historical Note

Yaouré mask. The masks by this ethnic group represent human elongated faces, often supplemented by animal features, with a protruding mouth and pierced semi-circular eyes set under a high forehead. An elaborate plaited coiffure, often with horns at the end, completes the image, while the outline is characteristically surrounded by a serrated edge. Their masks are considered emblems of the dangerous Yu spirits, therefore they have to be handled with caution.

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