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## Royal Yoruba Drum Of Nigeria



19 000 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Solid wood

### Description

Exceptional and extremely rare chieftain's drum or Yoruba Royal Drum from Nigeria Drum carved from a single block, height 80cm 5 caryatids represented by women with raised arms, each with a basket on their head Wood with a thick crusty patina from use A true masterpiece by a Yoruba sculptor Among this ethnic group, the sculptor (Onisé-onà) is considered a person with the authority and freedom to bring innovative creativity to society. Some artists are known for their songs and laudatory names. I do not know of any similar piece in a famous private collection or museum. (I have more than 1,000 books on primitive art.) I report a lack on a carved wooden rope connecting two caryatids otherwise good condition This drum for sacred ritual use was used during initiations, festivals, or burials of

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