



## Antique African Puppet Hobby Horse Bamana Mali

475 EUR



Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Painted wood

Height : 97 cm

### Description

A splendid puppet hobby horse from the Bamana people of Mali. This particular marionette intricately depicts a horse adorned with a saddle. The artist skillfully showcases the saddle on the puppet's back and has applied brass appliqués.

These marionettes were traditionally utilized in public masquerades within the vicinity of the Bamana city of Segou. Originating from a long-standing tradition observed by both the Bamana and the Bozo communities, the festival is currently performed by the region's young men. Originally adapted from the Bozo people residing along the Niger River, the festival, known as Sogo Bo, features dance troupes comprising young men who sing, dance, drum, and

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manipulate puppets.

While providing entertainment, these performances delve deeper into conveying a moral narrative. Directed by the young men, members of local youth groups, the Sogo Bo performances serve as a cultural expression highlighting the imperfections of humanity and the imperative need for ethical education and a religious way of life within the Bamana community.

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