Large Polychrome Wooden Shield Asmat Iran Jaya, Wolmark Collection



3 500 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Painted wood

Description

Large Asmat Irian Jaya wooden shield, stylized geometric decoration carved then coated with natural pigments. It comes from the Nina and Gilbert Wolmark collection, she was a producer and cartoonist in the 70s (Asterix, Ulysses 31...) and a great collector of Oceanic art. The Asmat were a very warlike people, headhunters, they were very feared. The shield has a character at the top who makes a very insulting gesture for these populations, the equivalent of our middle finger, this is supposed to impress and ridicule the enemy. Total height 211 cm, good condition, some wear. A highly prized curiosity object, this one is particularly interesting for its beautiful modern geometric decoration and its very fresh colors.

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