



Yoruba Gelede Mask



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Painted wood

Diameter : 30 cm

Height : 38 cm

Description

Yoruba mask from the Gèlèdè ritual society, originating from the Abéokuta area of Nigeria, depicting a face with a feminine headdress over which a headband is crossed. The top of the mask bears a fruit tray. The mask is painted with a mineral polychromy combining the characteristic colors of Vodoun (blue, red, white, and black). The Gèlèdè society is a matriarchal society celebrating the power of women witches commonly called Ajè. The masks come out at night (ritual side) and during the day (festive and theatrical side). Each mask represents a symbolism. Here, the mask celebrates the daily life of Yoruba women who work at the market. The mask is quite old, dating back to the first half of the 20th century, and has not been restored. It is authentic and comes from the collection of P.

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