



Yoruba Gelede Mask



1 000 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Solid wood

Diameter : 20 cm

Height : 26 cm

Description

Yoruba mask from the Gèlèdé ritual society, originating from the Oyo region of Nigeria, depicting a face with a feminine headdress. The Gèlèdé society is a matriarchal society celebrating the power of female 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 women, it was called "Lossi" and danced in pairs. 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 Jean Luc and Jeanine Fournier, it had been purchased from the Belgian dealer Johan Visser.

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