



Tywara Cywara Bambara Mali Cubist Crest Mask Statue



1 800 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Description

This is a crest mask used during the calibration ceremonies of one of the Bambara secret societies, the Cywara. It is attached to a rattan cap for dances related to agricultural rites and thus to the idea of fertility, fecundity, and sowing. It represents, in a highly symbolic, almost abstract way, an antelope with its large horns and the sun. Here, it is magnificently rendered, with curves that echo each other with great elegance and finesse--a technical feat considering the delicacy of the sculpture, carved from a single piece of wood. No glue or additions; everything is in negative space and curves, where primitive art becomes modern art! Height approximately 67 cm, and 71 cm including the base. Good overall condition, beautiful patina!

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