



Tibet, First Half Of The 20th Century, Polychrome Boiled Carton Mask Depicting Mahakala.



145 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Cardboard

Width : 14

Height : 17.3

Description

Tibet, first half of the 20th century, superb and unusual polychrome papier-mâché mask depicting Mahakala, a protective deity in Buddhism and also one of the names of Shiva in Hinduism. His grimacing face displays an angry attitude to ward off evil. He wears a crown adorned with five citipati heads, and his third eye, the eye of knowledge, adorns his forehead. The colors are superb and harmoniously arranged. A fragment of a wax seal on the reverse of the piece attests that this mask left Tibetan soil with the agreement of the relevant authorities.

Dimensions: Height 17.3 x Width 14 cm. The scale reference in the last photograph is a small model of a lighter from a well-known brand.

Good condition considering its age, apart from wear to the glaze due to rubbing and handling.

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