Nepalese Ritual Mask In Papier Mâché, Decorated With Citipati - 20th Century



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Paper

Width : 34 cm

Height : 44 cm

Depth : 22 cm

Description

Important ritual mask from Nepal, made of polychrome papier-mâché, depicting a demonic head crowned with Citipati figures.The main face, with expressive, powerful features, features bulging eyes, an open mouth revealing accentuated dentition and a protruding tongue, typical of Himalayan protective iconography. The forehead is adorned with a stylized third eye, reinforcing the object's symbolic and spiritual dimension..The upper part is decorated with a crown of small skeletal figures, identifiable as Citipati, tantric figures associated with the macabre dance and impermanence in Vajrayana Buddhism.Their presence lends the mask a strong ritual and apotropaic charge.Vivid polychrome, predominantly red, with green, ochre and black highlights. Beautiful patina. Visible wear, chips

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and small accidents, consistent with ritual or festive use.Rough interior painted black, typical of Nepalese handcrafted production.Twentieth-century work.Dimensions:Height: 44 cmWidth: 34 cmDepth: 22 cmCondition:Uses of use, small chips and lacks of polychromy, no visible restoration.Provenance:Private collection.Very beautiful decorative and ethnographic piece, both expressive and charged with symbolism.We deliver, and ship worldwide, please contact us for a precise quote.