



## Mask Of Shame / Infamy / Mask Of Torture



2 300 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Length : 33 cm

### Description

The mask depicts a wolf's head with a toothed snout and side ears. In the 17th century, the pillory was a form of public humiliation, worn by people convicted of minor offenses. Displayed publicly in a crowded place - such as the market square or the pillory - they were the target of mockery. These masks, usually made of metal, represented a stylized animal head, with specific features linked to the offence committed. For example, large ears symbolized espionage, while a sticking tongue represented loquacity, gossip or quarrelsomeness. Shame masks in the shape of a wolf's head were worn by violent men and those suspected of witchcraft.

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