



Mossi Antelope Head-helmet Mask From Burkina Faso



900 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Description

Wan-balinga mask, a Mossi helmet depicting an antelope with a human face that evokes a mythical Mossi figure--the mother of the first Mossi chief. The earth-based colors are typical of older pieces; these masks were worn on top of the head, with a thick layer of fiber attached to hold the mask in place and conceal the dancer. These masks are generally worn during the funerals of an elder--whether male or female--and accompany the body to the grave. Shows signs of wear; it dates from the early 20th century and has been used in dance; approximately 31/17 cm; has stains and signs of wear.

Dealer

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