Lwalwa Mask, Democratic Republic Of The Congo, Cubism



700 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Description

The Lwalwa of Western Kasai are known and sought after for their masks, which feature an incredible cubist style. Extreme, stripped-down geometric shapes and sharp edges... come together in a marvelous composition worthy of the great masters of Cubism; the overall form is said to pay homage to the hornbill and its large beak. Here is a beautiful example with a black patina; note the hole under the nose, which allows a cord with a knot to be inserted to secure the mask over the mouth--a practice unique in Africa.
Height: 33 cm

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