



Mask

Date

mid 20th Century

Primary Maker

Yaka

Medium

Wood, raffia, cloth and pigment

Description

Nigeria initiation face mask (animal) . Raffia grass at bottom, carved wood face, painted orange, blue, yellow, top ornament 5 prongs 4 outside and 1 in the middle. Blue cloth tied on center prong. 1 circular disc in middle. This mask was actually used in an initiation ceremony. The knots in the grass at the bottom indicate successful use.

Dimensions

22 3/8 × 15 7/8 × 16 in. (56.8 × 40.3 × 40.6 cm)