



Marionette Figure

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Ibibio

Medium

Kaolin, wood, beads, fiber and raffia

Description

Ibibio figure, Nigeria. Large female figure, arms nailed on and are movable. Natural wood covered by kaolin. Knob-like projections represent the coiffure. Eyebrows and outline of the mouth and breasts have black paint. Carved scarifications down the center of the body from the neck to the female organs and a transfer scarification by the umbilicus. Inlaid glass eyes; hands and feet indicated; a maternal figure carrying a baby with black and red beads around its abdomen. Fiber and chain necklace around its neck. Baby's arms are movable and treatment follows that

of the mother. A very unusual and large figure. Wood. Mother, 37"H, baby, 17.5"L.

Dimensions

38 in. (96.5 cm)