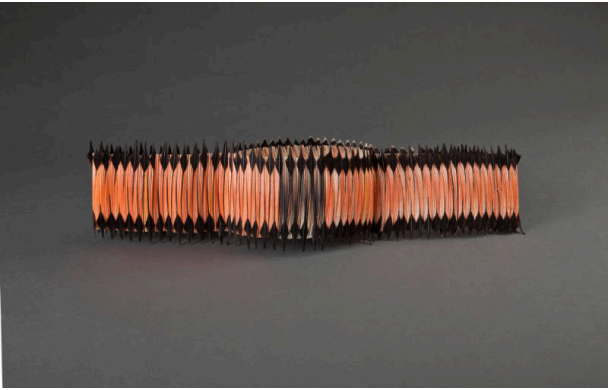


Basic Detail Report



Headdress

Date

c. 1920

Primary Maker

Shasta

Medium

Flickertail feather and string

Description

Many feather headdresses are directly linked to ceremonies and dances as part of intricate costumes. This black and reddish headband was formed using the tail feathers of the Red-shafted Flicker, a member of the woodpecker family, and multiple pieces of thread. Rather than encircling the head, these bands were generally two-dimensional with a cord passing behind the wearer’s head and tied at the back. In this rare example, the headband splits in the middle so that it surrounds the wearer’s head but still maintains the signature side flaps of the headband. The movement of these flaps when the headdress is danced mimics the free-spirited nature of Red-shafted Flicker. This headdress is only worn by men during ceremonial dances and other occasions.

Dimensions

4 × 49 1/2 in. (10.2 × 125.7 cm)