



Mask

Date

late 19th-early 20th Century

Primary Maker

Bamana

Medium

Wood, porcupine quill, horn, mud and sacrificial blood

Description

Komo Society mask. The Bambara's religion features six initiatory societies, the N'domo, Komo, Nama, Kono, Tyiwara and Koré, all of which involve the usage of masks. This mask has two plumes of porcupine quills, one that protrudes from the nose and one that protrudes at the dome of the mask's head. This mask would have had feathers attached above the eyes and upper snout area.

Dimensions

Overall: 14 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 20 in. (36.8 x 26.7 x 50.8 cm)