



Decorative Mask

Date

20th Century

Medium

Wood

Description

This is a carved wooden mask from China. Though there is a long history of carved wooden masks both in China and neighboring countries, examples which come to mind are the carved wooden masks of Tibet or of the Yao culture. Little is known about the distorted visages of these masks save that they were not worn in the traditional way. The largest of them would not cover an adult face and several do not have apertures that would allow the wearer to see. This indicates that they were likely made to be used as decoration.

Dimensions

7 × 3 5/8 × 2 1/4 in. (17.8 × 9.2 × 5.7 cm)