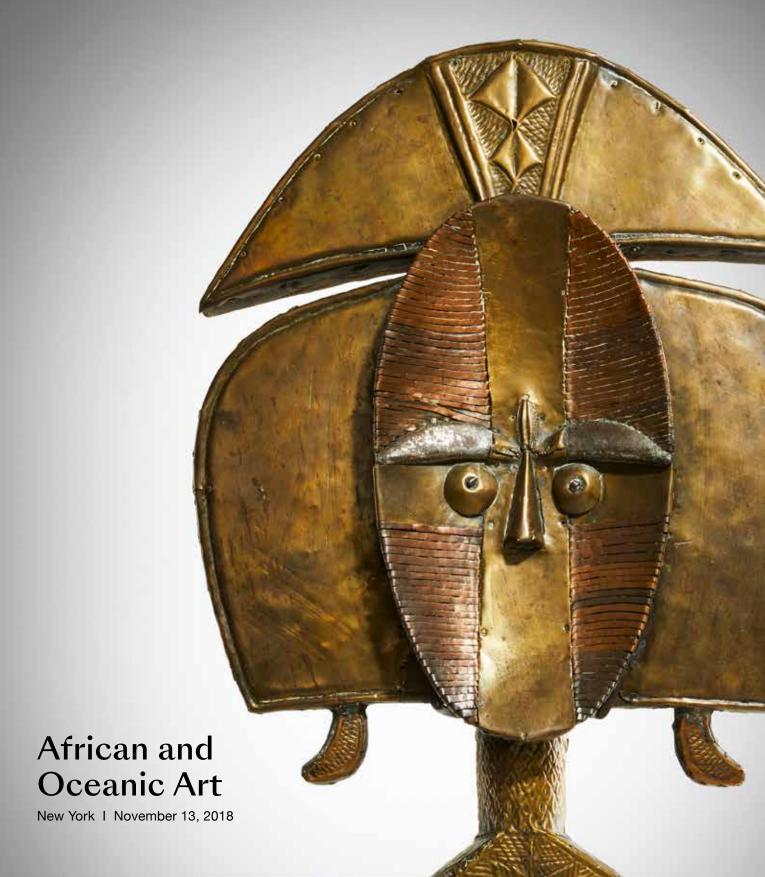
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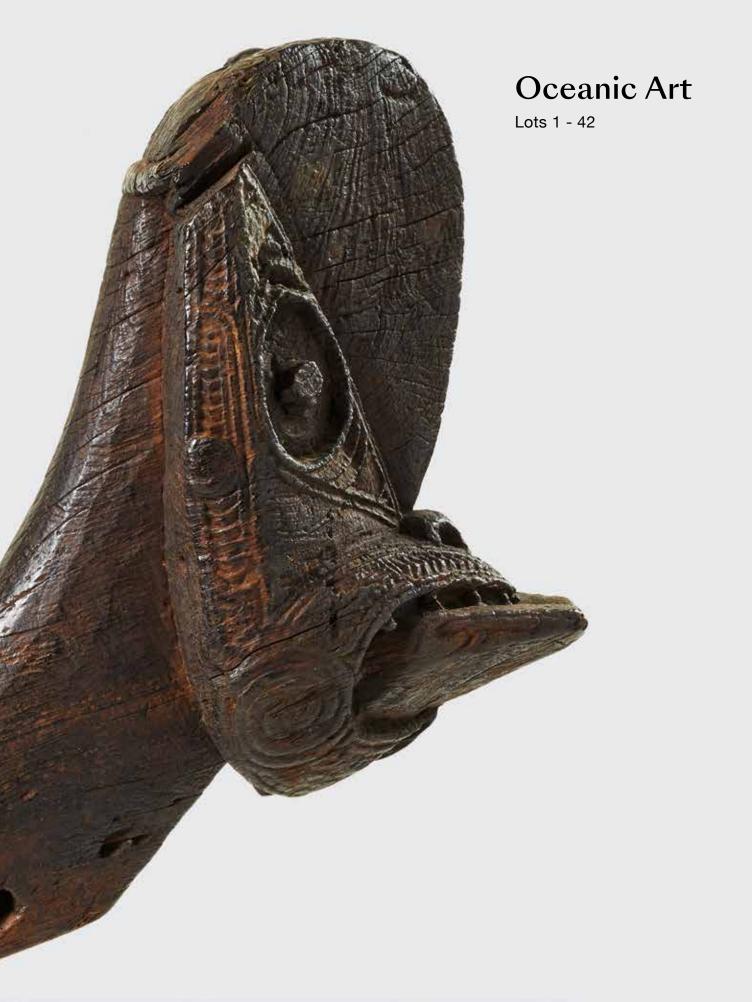
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THREE STONE CURRENCIES, YAP ISLAND

rai

diameters 11in, 14 1/2in and 14 3/4in (28cm, 36.8cm and 37cm)

Provenance

Dee McVay, during his duty in the Pacific throughout World War II, who later became a well-known diver Thence by descent

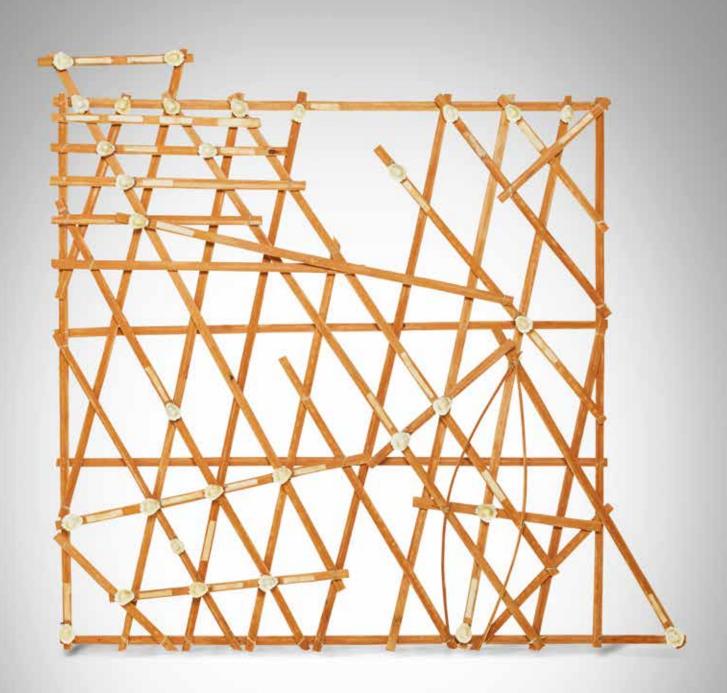
Each carved from calcite, the irregularly shaped circular disks pierced through the center and with natural stone undulations on the surface.

According to Barbara Wavell (*Arts and Crafts of Micronesia*, Bess Press, 2010, pp 77-78), "Yap is known throughout the world for its giant stone money. Sometimes taller than the height of a man, this

money is the largest and, many say, the most unusual form of money in the world. It consists of stone wheels of crystallized calcite shaped like millstones that are mined in Palau, 250 miles from Yap, and originally transported across the ocean on rafts attached to outrigger canoes. Many Yapese were killed in storms and accidents during transport, and, therefore, stone money was relatively rare, as well as somewhat restricted in size. These stone wheels, called rai, could be as small as seven inches across but were mined in larger and larger sizes once European traders [. . .] supplied iron tools for mining and began to transport the stone wheels on sailing ships."

\$8,000 - 12,000 €7,000 - 10,000





NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUCTION CHART, MARSHALL ISLANDS

rebbelib 22 1/4 by 21in (56.5 by 53.4cm)

Provenance Private collection, Honolulu

\$2,000 - 3,000 €1,700 - 2,600



FOOD POUNDER, CAROLINE ISLANDS

penu height 6 3/4in (17.1cm)

Provenance

Christie's, London, December 8, 1992, Lot 121 Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection

Finely carved, most likely without the use of metal tools, of pale greyish-cream fine grained coral (*Acropora insignis*) and flared cylindrical form; the disc finial with two paired bosses at the rim.

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200



ABORIGINAL RAINFOREST SHIELD, NORTH-EASTERN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

height 46 3/4in (118.7cm)

Provenance

Collected by a British naval officer, early 19th century
James T. Hooper, Arundel
Ralph Nash, London
Private Collection
Sotheby's, New York, May 5, 1997, Lot 144
American Private Collection

Bård R. Aaberge notes, 'The big, beautifully decorated, fighting shields and one-handed swords are distinctive features belonging to the Aboriginal Rainforest Cultures between Ingham in the south, Bloomfield River in the north, inland to the Herbert River and on the mountain ranges of the Atherton Tablelands. The swords and shields were used in big social gatherings to settle disputes and legal conflicts between different tribes as well as between individuals. Smaller painted shields and matching swords were used in "play" or ceremonial dances.[...]

[...]White, yellow and red clays, as well as charcoal mixed with oil, water or human blood providing a black colour, were painted with a fray ended lawyer cane to make the designs on the shields. Two initiated men would paint the design simultaneously according to traditional custom.

All the painted designs had a known symbolic meaning derived from objects that played an intimate part of life; tools, weapons, various fish and animals hunted for food, edible seeds, medicinal plants, as well as less intimate objects such as stars and comets.' (Aboriginal Rainforest Shields of North Queensland, Cairns Historical Society and Museum 2009)

Carved from the trunk of a native fig tree in elongated elliptical form with a raised handle on the back and raised oval knob on the front center, decorated on the front with a diamond geometric design in black, ochre, white and mustard pigments; fine aged patina.

\$40,000 - 60,000 €35,000 - 52,000

CARVED FEMALE FIGURE, WASHKUK AREA, UPPER SEPIK RIVER, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

nogwi height 52 3/4in (134cm)

Provenance

Wayne Heathcote, New York Britton Nominees Pty Limited Collection, Sydney, acquired in 1980 Henry Davis York Collection, Sydney

Nogwi was the last and most secret yam harvest observance, confined to the most powerful, senior men in society and initiates called Nogwidji. During the observance, "Nogwi carvings were then brought into the house; they were two almost life-size figures of women named Hameiyau and Sanggriayau. The Nogwidgi went about the village, from which the women had run away in fear of the figures, smashing the pots belonging to the people of their respective clans--the destruction was later attributed to the female spirits." (Newton, Douglas, Crocodile and Cassowary - Religious Art of the Upper Sepik River, New Guinea, The Museum of Primitive Art, New York, 1971,

Carved in the round in a fluid and mysterious composition with long, attenuated torso, legs and arms, the rounded head with flat facial plane highlighted with pink and white pigments; the abdomen accentuated with an incised amoebic form with incised crescents accented with alternating pink and white pigments; alternating bands of orange and white pigments decorate the legs and arms; dark brown encrusted patina showing wear indicative of significant age and cultural use.

\$8,000 - 12,000 €7,000 - 10,000





ABELAM SPIRIT FIGURE, MIDDLE SEPIK RIVER PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

nggwalndu height 67 1/2in (171.5cm)

Provenance

Bruce Seaman, Honolulu Wayne Heathcote, New York Britton Nominees Pty Limited Collection, Sydney, acquired in 1980 Henry Davis York Collection, Sydney

"The Abelam people of the Prince Alexander Mountains north of the Sepik River practice perhaps the longest and most spectacular initiation cycle of any New Guinea people. Beginning in childhood, each Abelam male must pass through eight separate initiation rites over the course of twenty to thirty years, before he is a fully initiated man. Each successive ritual requires both a physical ordeal and the viewing of increasingly elaborate displays of sacred objects in specially constructed chambers within the men's ceremonial house. This process continues until the final rites, in which the initiate is shown the largest and most sacred of all displays—the brilliantly painted figures and other images portraying the powerful clan spirits called nggwalndu. The largest nggwalndu images are used during this final ritual. Although nggwalndu figures are impressive works of sculpture, to the Abelam, their efficacy lies in the bright polychrome paints applied to their surfaces. For the Abelam, paint is a magical substance that endows the figures with supernatural power and beauty. In creating their displays, artists strive to achieve a visual magnificence that will overwhelm the viewer." (The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, WEB, nd.)

Of hard wood, most likely carved from stone with openwork design throughout, this figure has an overall mysterious presence with two stacked figures, the upper figure with an elliptical face and lozenge-form torso; the lower figure smaller in scale and in similar posture with an overall concave front, the back convex and showing evidence of significant age; painted on the front with red, mustard, white, yellow and black pigments with encrustations.

\$10,000 - 15,000 €8,700 - 13,000

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SUSPENSION HOOK, EAST SEPIK PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

samban height 29 1/4in (74.3cm)

Provenance

Bonhams, London, December 9, 1992, Lot 126 Wayne Heathcote Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection

Almost certainly stone carved with swirling designs on the front and back of the torso and hook, the round face with arched brows above coffee-bean eyes, flaring nostrils and diminutive open mouth with a slight grin, the torso of slightly flattened elliptical form, slightly flaring at the center, the lower double hook of crescent form, often interpreted as representing a fish head or a boat carrying an ancestor; heavily encrusted dark brown/black patina.

\$40,000 - 60,000 €35,000 - 52,000





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LARGE KUVANAMAS GABLE MASK, BLACKWATER REGION, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

height 47 1/4in (120cm)

Provenance

Stan Moriarty, collected from a catholic missionary in 1959
Britton Nominees Pty Limited Collection, Sydney, acquired in 1980
Henry Davis York Collection, Sydney

A monumental bark and basketry mask with open mouth revealing teeth, mesmerizing and mysterious tubular eyes, an elongated nose and circular ears attached up high on each side; the facial plane of bark and decorated overall with reddish-orange, cream and black pigments.

Placed high above the entrance of ceremonial houses, considered to be the embodiment of the founding ancestors, the gable mask was intended to be seen from a distance. (Howarth, Crispin, *Myth and Magic - Art of the Sepik River, Papua New Guinea*, National Gallery of Australia, 2015, p. 133)

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400

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CULT OBJECT, YIMAN PEOPLE, KOREWORI RIVER, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

dunegatsir height 30 3/4in (78cm)

Provenance

Murray Frum Collection, Toronto Sotheby's, Paris, September 16, 2015, Lot 20 American Private Collection

Showing some resemblance to *yiman* and *aripa* figures, this object was most likely carved to house a spirit figure to help and protect a hunter. Heavily eroded overall with an archaic patina, the work features two highly abstract and mysterious human-form heads balancing each other on opposite ends.

\$8,000 - 12,000 €7,000 - 10,000





SUSPENSION HOOK, KANDANGI VILLAGE, MIDDLE SEPIK RIVER, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

height 28 1/4in (72cm)

Provenance
Wayne Heathcote, New York
Britton Nominees Pty Limited Collection,
Sydney, acquired in 1981
Henry Davis York Collection, Sydney

Finely balanced with two spirit masks, back to back, each with stylized bird-form heads with open mouths; dark brown/black patina.

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200



11 MANAM ISLAND MASK, COASTAL RAMU AREA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA height 22in (56cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, New York Michael Hamson, Palos Verdes Estates Private Collection, Illinois

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400



SPIRIT BOARD, PURARI DELTA PEOPLES, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

kwoi height 31in (79cm)

Provenance

Wayne Heathcote, New York Britton Nominees Pty Limited Collection, Sydney, acquired in 1980 Henry Davis York Collection, Sydney

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400

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BOAR EFFIGY MASK, NORTHERN NEW IRELAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

malagan length 37 1/2in (95.3cm)

Provenance

Alain Schoffel, Paris Daniel Cordier, Bordeaux Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1993

According to Susan Küchler (Gunn, Michael, New Ireland: Art of the South Pacific, Museé du quai Branly - Jacques Chirac, Paris and 5 Continents, Milan, 2006, p. 46), 'Malagan is the generic name for the spectacular secondary funerary ritual which orchestrates huge community resources and draws hundreds of participants to the final three days of feasting. The final event in a commemorative cycle takes place sometimes more than a decade after a burial and may stretch over several weeks that are punctuated by the stages of carving which culminate in the painting of the figure and the insertions of "eyes." Alternative materials and techniques, allowing for rapid production, may be used should a death have occurred shortly prior to or during the preparation of secondary burial in the village. When installed in a structure on the burial ground, the effigy is said, in the Kara region, to be alive. The height of the malagan ceremony is the dramatic revelation of this effigy, followed moments later by the activation of its death so that the person's soul may achieve immortality, the "empty remains" of effigies being taken to the forest to be left to decompose, while certain other ones are burned, and yet others taken to the mission to be sold to collectors.'

Of monumental scale, the anthropomorphic head presented here is deeply hollowed with a long snout and open mouth revealing large upper and bottom tusks curving upward and downward, the eyes pierced through with *Turbo petholatus* opercula, the top of the head accented with projecting feathery rods, decorated overall with red, black and white pigments.

\$30,000 - 50,000 €26,000 - 44,000





CEREMONIAL INLAID BOWL, PROBABLY SANTA ANA ISLAND, SOLOMON ISLANDS

apria ni mwane length 14in (35.6cm)

Provenance

H. G. Beasley Collection (label on underside of foot) Jean-Louis Picard, Paris, October 8, 1991, Lot 17 Hélène and Philippe Leloup, Paris American Private Collection

Exhibited

Long Term Loan (Exhibited) #L.2007.61.17, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, August 2007 - August 2017

Finely hand carved in light wood, deeply hallowed in ovoid form on a flared trapezoidal base, two handles on each end carved in abstract avian form, decorated around the top edge with three bands of triangularly-carved inlaid pearl shells with notched edges, decorated on the top edge at each end with inlaid circular chambered-nautilus shells; stained black with plant juice mixed with charcoal.

Birds and fish are prominent in life rituals and art in the Solomon Islands. The small shape of the bowl indicates that it was probably used by individuals in ritual communion feasts with their personal tutelary spirits. (Davenport, William, "Sculpture of the Eastern Solomons", *Expedition*, Journal of the University Museum, University of Pennsylvania, vol. 10, 2, pp. 6-7).

\$30,000 - 40,000 €26,000 - 35,000



DOME HEADED CLUB, FIJI ISLANDS

bulibuli length 42 5/8in (108.3cm)

Provenance

Lance Entwistle, London American Private Collection, acquired in 1991

Of well-balanced design, the head with a pattern of flattened projections which take on a high polish, a "kill" notch just below the head; the handle decorated with a series of incised notches for a firm grip; fine glossy reddish-brown patina.

\$8,000 - 12,000 €7,000 - 10,000



PRIEST'S OR CHIEF'S CLUB, FIJI ISLANDS

siriti or gugu length 76 2/3in (197.4cm)

Provenance

Robert Hales, London Mark & Carolyn Blackburn, Honolulu

Published

Kaeppler, Adrienne, *Polynesia – The Mark and Carolyn Blackburn Collection of Polynesian Art*, The University of Hawaii Press, Honolulu, 2010, fig. 120

Kaeppler notes (ibid.), 'This rare type of club was said to be used by priests and chiefs. Westerners called such objects "lotus" or "butterfly" clubs. The head incorporates stylized designs of fish from which its Fijian name is derived."

\$25,000 - 35,000 €22,000 - 30,000







PADDLE CLUB, TONGA ISLANDS

'akau tau length 43in (109.3cm)

Provenance

Christie's, London, 28 November 1983, Lot 278

Leo and Lillian Fortess Collection, Honolulu, Hawai'i (collection label included) Private Collection, California, acquired in 2000

The flattened blade section divided from the cylindrical shaft by a raised section; the butt carved with a recess underneath and without a lug; intricately carved throughout with eight human glyphs among a field of linear, geometric and zig-zag patterns; fine dark brown patina with wear indicative of much age and cultural use.

\$8.000 - 12.000 €7,000 - 10,000

PADDLE CLUB, TONGA ISLANDS

ʻakau tau length 43 1/2in (110.5cm)

Provenance

English Private Collection Thence by descent

Well-balanced and finely carved in classic form with flattened, spade-form blade gradually broadening in to the circular shaft, divided by a central ridge; finely carved throughout with geometric and zigzag designs with multiple figurative glyphs including birds, two long-tailed animals, humans with hands raised holding a spiderlike design, possibly referring to sailing as two turtle glyphs -- a reference to the sea--are depicted on both sides on the top; light brown surface still containing lime--used indigenously to clean the club--in the crevices throughout; wear throughout indicative of significant age and cultural use.

\$6.000 - 8.000 €5,200 - 7,000

HEADREST, TONGA ISLANDS

kali hahapoi length 16in (40.7cm)

Provenance

Pierre Langlois, Paris Leo and Lillian Fortess Collection, Honolulu, Hawai'i (collection label included) Thence by descent

Exhibited

Honolulu, "Oceanic Art", Honolulu Academy of Art, 1967, fig. 44

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400

An Exceptional Group of Hawaiian Calabashes

Irving Jenkins notes, 'Capt. James Cook first touched the Hawaiian Islands in 1778 at the northern island of Kauai. Among the many articles of native manufacture he described during his short stay were wooden bowls: "Their wooden dishes and bowls...are of the [kou] tree, or *cordia*, as neat as if made in our turning-lathe, and perhaps better polished."

Hawaiian wooden bowls such as Cook observed are among the most beautiful containers made by any Pacific culture. They are traditionally of rounded form, inspired, perhaps, by the Hawaiians' earliest natural containers: gourds and coconuts. The surface both within and without was worked until very smooth, with the exterior well polished. The external surface decoration of these smooth, rounded forms was limited to the figured grain of the wood itself, and incorporated the dramatic contrast of light sapwood isolated against dark swirling heartwood.' (*The Hawaiian Calabash*, Editions, Ltd., Honolulu, 1989, p. 7)

The following bowls have very early provenance, having once been owned by William Ladd (1807–1863), co-founder of the first commercial sugar plantation in Hawaii at Koloa on Kauai in 1835.







RARE AND LARGE LIDDED DEEP BOWL, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

kumauna diameter of lid 19 1/2in (49.5cm) overall height 10 1/2in (26.7cm)

Provenance

William Ladd (1807–1863), co-founder of the first commercial sugar plantation in Hawaii at Koloa on Kauai in 1835 Judge Antoinette Rosa, Attorney General for King Kalakaua (1836 –

Helen Niaukololani Antoinette Rosa (1898–1985) Helen Ladd Thompson (1927-2018), Honolulu, Hawai'i Thence by descent

According to Irving Jenkins, "wooden storage containers are possibly the most attractive of Hawaiian bowl forms, for the cover completes the spherical form, imitating a gourd. Finer bowls belonging to chiefs were often fitted with a special cover which may have been used as a plate. Covers were mostly made of gourd, those made of wood are rare" (*The Hawaiian Calabash*, Editions, Ltd., Honolulu, 1989, p. 7)

Kamani wood was held in reverence throughout Hawaii and the rest of Polynesia. William Brigham notes that "the tree itself is even more beautiful than its wood, and its glossy leaves and sweet-scented flowers caused the old Hawaiians to plant it near their houses while other Polynesians attached a semi-sacred character to the tree, of which we find a trace in the sacred grove near the Puhonua or place of refuge at Halawa at the east end of Molokai." (*The Ancient Hawaiian House*, pp. 157-158)

This exceptional and rare example is finely hand carved in monumental scale from the highly revered and scarce kamani wood with superb natural light and dark brown contrasts and multiple indigenous repairs.

\$40,000 - 60,000 €35,000 - 52,000



MASSIVE BOWL, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

pohaku ku'i poi diameter 20 1/2in (52cm)

Provenance

William Ladd (1807-1863), co-founder of the first commercial sugar plantation in Hawaii at Koloa on Kauai in 1835 Judge Antoinette Rosa, Attorney General for King Kalakaua (1836 – 1891)

Helen Niaukololani Antoinette Rosa (1898–1985) Helen Ladd Thompson (1927-2018), Honolulu, Hawai'i Thence by descent

Finely hand carved, probably from kou, of deep, wide and rounded form; multiple indigenous butterfly *pewa* and gum repairs to two ancient cracks; the inner surface patina showing significant age; fine varied honey-brown and dark-brown patina on the outer surface with wear indicative of much use.

\$25,000 - 35,000 €22,000 - 30,000



LARGE ROUND LOW BOWL, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

'umeke ipu kai diameter 19 3/4in (50.3cm)

Provenance

William Ladd (1807–1863), co-founder of the first commercial sugar plantation in Hawaii at Koloa on Kauai in 1835 Judge Antoinette Rosa, Attorney General for King Kalakaua (1836 – 1891)

Helen Niaukololani Antoinette Rosa (1898–1985) Helen Ladd Thompson (1927-2018), Honolulu, Hawai'i Thence by descent

Finely hand carved from kou wood, *umeke ipu kai* were mostly used for salting down food.

\$6,000 - 9,000 €5,200 - 7,800





SUPERB BOWL, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

pohaku ku'i poi height 6 5/8in (16.8cm)

Provenance

William Ladd (1807–1863), co-founder of the first commercial sugar plantation in Hawaii at Koloa on Kauai in 1835 Judge Antoinette Rosa, Attorney General for King Kalakaua (1836 –

Helen Niaukololani Antoinette Rosa (1898–1985) Helen Ladd Thompson (1927-2018), Honolulu, Hawai'i Thence by descent

Finely hand carved, probably of kou wood, with superb colors and natural grain having been carved from sapwood of the tree; the thick base gradually tapering to thin walls slightly tapered inwards at the top; two indigenous repairs to the bottom and butterfly *pewa* repairs to the side near the bottom, repair to the top edge; the bottom and interior bottom with old losses and surface erosion indicative of significant age and use.

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200 25

FOOD BOWL, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

pohaku ku'i poi diameter 11in (28cm)

Provenance

William Ladd (1807–1863), co-founder of the first commercial sugar plantation in Hawaii at Koloa on Kauai in 1835 Judge Antoinette Rosa, Attorney General for King Kalakaua (1836 – 1891)

Helen Niaukololani Antoinette Rosa (1898–1985) Helen Ladd Thompson (1927-2018), Honolulu, Hawai'i Thence by descent

Finely hand carved, most likely from kou, with flat bottom and inward lip; rich brown patina.

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400



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FOOD POUNDER, TAHITI, SOCIETY ISLANDS

penu height 5 1/2in (14cm)

Provenance

Loudmer, June 23, 1995, Lot 114 Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1995

Finely carved from coral, the handle of saddle form above tapering sides, flaring out at the bottom in a domed form; natural coarse cream surface with wear indicative of much age and use.

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200

FAN HANDLE, MARQUESAS ISLANDS

tahi height 12 1/4in (31.1cm)

Provenance

The Joy Collection Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1992

"Distinctively shaped fans, or *tahi'i*, were carried by *toa* (warriors), *tau'a* (ritual specialists), and other high-ranking men and women as status markers. Displayed on important occasions, especially feasts, their visual impact was enhanced by the elegant manner with which they were carried, particularly by women.

Fans were described by many early visitors to the Marquesas, beginning with Cook in 1774. Tahuata has been singled out as having a reputation for finely made fans and many have been collected from that island, including four on Cook's voyage." (Kjellgren, Eric and Carol Ivory, *Adorning the World*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 2005, p. 81)

Superbly hand carved with an openwork handle with two sets of stacked tiki figures standing back to back, the butt of the handle with two tiki heads; rich, glossy brown patina.

\$20,000 - 30,000 €17,000 - 26,000





WARRIOR'S CLUB, MARQUESAS ISLANDS

u'u length 42 1/2in (108cm)

Provenance

Steven Hooper notes, "the *u'u* club appears to have been the standard weapon and staff of warriors. The form was recorded during Cook's second-voyage visit and nineteenth-century engravings often show them. Both sides of the clubhead are carved similarly, with minor differences, showing a series of faces of different kinds looking in all directions. Gell [A. Gell, *Art and agency*, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1998, p. 191)] argues that these designs, on human bodies as tattoo, or on objects, represent *atua* (gods) in a tutelary and watchful guardian mode. The club is made from tough and heavy ironwood (*Casuarina equisetifolia*) called *toa*, also the name for warrior. The rich dark patina was achieved by steeping the club in taros swamps and by polishing with coconut oil." (*Pacific Encounters - Art & Divinity in Polynesia 1760-1860*, Sainsbury Center for the Visual Arts, The British Museum Press, London, 2006, p. 163)

Most likely stone carved, the present work is of diminutive size; hence most likely a very early example. The rounded domed head of the club is carved out in a convex shape that tapers outward over the faces on each side, each with *atua* faces projecting as the eyes and nose, a trapezoidal cross-section at the nose projects out on each side, below which are faces delicately raised above the surface; the slender, flattened club gradually becomes circular down the shaft and terminates in a saddle-form butt; rich, dark patina with wear throughout, indicative of significant age and use.

\$25,000 - 35,000 €22,000 - 30,000

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CEREMONIAL PADDLE, AUSTRAL ISLANDS

ra'ivavae height 75in (190.5cm)

Provenance

William O. Oldman, London Sotheby's, London, June 17, 1991, Lot 87 Hélène and Philippe Leloup, Paris American Private Collection, acquired 1991

According to Rhys Richards, 'Though widely called "paddles," these objects are not functional paddles. They are 'paddle shaped,' but their sizes are too extreme; their shafts are too weak, and they are thoroughly unsuitable for use as paddles. Consequently it has been assumed that they were emblems of rank or status, for ceremonial rather than functional use.'

Rhys continues, 'There are good grounds for asserting however that few if any "paddles" were made and exported after 1842. Firstly, the population decline was extreme, particularly among the adults, and dead men made no paddles. By 1840 the total population on Tubuai had fallen to 250 and on Raivavae to 360. If half were children, and half the adult were female, then the pool of adult men who could have been potential carvers, was about 90 and 60 for the two islands respectively. Actual carvers would have been even fewer, particularly if as previously, carvers had been a select group. However, according to the mission records, by then most of these men would have been Christians, whose devout moral advisers actively discouraged traditional arts.' (The Austral Islands: History, Art and Art History, New Zealand, 2012, pp 141-145)

Superbly carved throughout with nine dancing figures around the pommel, the cylindrical shaft and elegant spade-form blade carved throughout with exceedingly fine incised x-form and zigzag design with two bands of sunburst designs around the shaft; rich and glossy dark-brown patina overall.

\$35,000 - 45,000 €30,000 - 39,000









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MAORI ANTHROPOMORPHIC PENDANT, NEW ZEALAND, CA. 1600-1850

hei tiki height 3 7/16in (8.7cm)

Provenance

Arman Fernandez, New York Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1993

According to Roger Neich, 'Distinct from all of these forms, the jade breast ornament called hei-tiki is the most characteristic and most highly valued of all Maori personal ornaments. In some Maori origin myths, Tiki was the first man, having been created by the god Tane. Thus carvings of human figures in any material whether bone, stone or wood, may be called a tiki. The prefix hei indicates something suspended from the neck, as in hei-tiki and hei-matau. Hei-tiki may be worn by both men and women, usually hanging vertically but sometimes horizontally from a suspension point on the side, especially by women. They are passed down through the generations as family heirlooms, and during a funeral they will be displayed near the deceased, along with other family heirlooms. With their own personal names, many hei-tiki are remembered in tribal songs and oral histories. Most of the mana or prestige of the hei-tiki derives from its close contact with those great ancestors who have worn it in the past, rather than from any magical or mystical meaning. Some would argue for a phallic symbolism in hei-tiki, while others claim that they represent fertility, perhaps in the form of a human embryo. Most commentators would agree that many of the current meanings attached to hei-tiki are relatively recent interpretations of an ancient symbol refined by many generations of artists. It is only natural that such a potent image as the hei-tiki would be subject to continuing

reinterpretation. Consequently, any search for the "original meaning" of the hei-tiki is probably futile.' (Pounamu: Maori Jade of New Zealand, David Bateman Ltd., Auckland, 1997, pp. 23-25)

Finely stone carved from the most highly sought after variety of pounamu or nephrite jade from the Maori inanga stone, named after the young white bait fish because of its pearly-white, blue-white or light green color; the head turned to the left; two suspension holes to the top, one worn through indicative of significant age and cultural use.

\$15,000 - 25,000 €13,000 - 22,000

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MAORI ANTHROPOMORPHIC PENDANT, NEW ZEALAND, CA. 1600-1850

hei tiki height 3 1/8in (7.9cm)

Provenance

Arman Fernandez, New York Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1993

Carved from dark green *pounamu* nephrite jade with thick, fleshy proportions, the head turned to the right, ancient wear to the back with an old suspension hole worn through with a later suspension hole pierced through just above the right eye.

\$20,000 - 30,000 €17,000 - 26,000





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MAORI PENDANT, NEW ZEALAND, CA. 1600-1850

hei matau height 1 3/8in (3.5cm)

Provenance

Wayne Heathcote American Private Collection, acquired in 1993

Exceptionally stone carved from pounamu nephrite jade in the form of an animistic fishhook.

As noted by David Simmons, the 'hei-matau is a nephrite fishhook ornament generally worn only by learned men. It represents the fishhook with which Maui fished up the North Island of New Zealand. His fishhook, made from his grandmother's jawbone, was baited with blood from his own nose. It plunged into the depths and caught in the gable of the house of Tanaroa, the god of the sea. According to the South Island, their island (Te Waipounamu) was the "canoe" from which the North Island was fished up. Thus, for the tribes of that area hei-matau have heightened significance, particularly those made from their treasured pounamu (nephrite).' (Mead, Sidney Moko (Ed.), Te Maori, Harry Abrams, New York, 1985, p. 235)

\$8,000 - 12,000 €7,000 - 10,000

MAORI ANTHROPOMORPHIC PENDANT, NEW ZEALAND, CA. 1600-1850

hei tiki height 3 1/4in (8.2cm)

Provenance

Sir George Gray (1812-1898), first New Zealand Governor Mark Lissamer, Australia

Leo and Lillian Fortess Collection, Honolulu, Hawai'i (collection label included)

Thence by descent

Finely carved from dark green nephrite jade with the head turned to the left; the lower legs presumably lost and re-carved to make the bottom edge smooth, old wear and loss to the back of the head, one suspension hook worn through the top; an old, small circular red seal and "358 Taranaki" written in white on the back.

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2.600 - 4.400



Provenance

Wayne Heathcote American Private Collection, acquired in 1995

Maori fishing canoes (waka tētē) are generally smaller than and not as fancifully carved as war canoes, giving them an understated elegance. The arching rear section of the work presented here extends out and upwards into a cylindrical curved neck supporting a stylized face with a protruding tongue (tētē or pakoko) and decorated overall with spiral and chevron relief carving, representing a guiding ancestral leader of mana to imbue seamanship with courage; encrusted black patina with wear indicative of significant age and use.

\$40,000 - 60,000 €35,000 - 52,000





MAORI TREASURE BOX, NEW ZEALAND

papahou length 20in (50.8cm)

Provenance

Kenneth Webster Collection, London, no. 1857 (label on underside of lid)
Wayne Heathcote

American Private Collection, acquired in 1993

"Originally, treasure boxes were designed to be suspended on flax cords from the rafters of a dwelling house, and therefore had as much carving on the underside as on the top lid. Probably many boxes had plain uncarved surfaces, but these were rarely collected.

An ancient regional type concentrated in the northern and western areas was usually called a *papahou* in reference to its flattened rectangular form. Most *papahou* have been carved with stone tools and feature the sinuous intertwined figures of Northland and Taranaki carvings from these areas. *Papahou* did not make the transition into the metal age, perhaps because the carvers from those areas suffered in the early epidemics or were involved in the destructive musket raids of the 1820s.[...]

Papahou, wakahuia [a later version carved in the shape of a canoe], and papahou whakairo [a smaller, squared-box shape] held the treasured feathers and ornaments owned individually by high-ranking persons. Being worn in close contact with the tapu heads of chiefly individuals, these ornaments and their treasure-box containers took on the tapu power of their owners. A very wide range of ear, neck and breast ornaments rendered in stone, bone, shell, teeth, ivory and precious jade nephrite were worn by both men and women, becoming treasured family and tribal heirlooms as they passed down through the generations." (Strazecka, Dorota C., et.al, The Maori Collections of the British Museum, The British Museum Press, London, 2010, p. 43)

Of shallow, rectangular flat form, recessed all around for the flat lid, with high-relief wheku heads with inlaid paua shell eyes at each end for suspension, ornately carved overall with exquisite detail throughout, the underside with alternating upward and downward wheku figures with paua shell inlaid eyes among a field of swirling designs; the top of the lid exquisitely carved with scrolling design and pair of wheku eyes at each end; superb dark brown, glossy patina.

\$25,000 - 35,000 €22,000 - 30,000





MAORI BLUDGEON, NEW ZEALAND

patuki height 11 5/8in (29.5cm)

Provenance

Kenneth A. Webster Collection, London, no. 688 ("Web Coll. 688" written in white paint on the handle)
William O. Oldman Collection, London
Wayne Heathcote
American Private Collection, acquired in 1994

Exquisitely carved in tear-drop form, the undecorated handle with a piercing for attachment of wrist cordage and the butt slightly flared; the beating surface richly decorated on one side with a series of interlocking scrolls, the other side with a series of curved crescentforms in alternating patterns; rich, lustrous, glossy brown patina with wear at the suspension hole indicative of significant age and cultural use. Such an exceptional example would have not only been used in battle by the high-ranking male, but as an emblem of his prestige within the Maori community.

As noted by Terrance Barrow, Ph.D., "Bludgeons termed *patuki* differ from the flat hand-clubs (such as the *wahaika*) as they are true clubs used for delivering in crushing blows and not the slicing and thrusting attacks of flat *patu. Patuki* are found in old collections. [. . .] With the decline of warfare this weapon appears to have fallen into disfavour in the mid-19th century." (*Maori Wood Sculpture of New Zealand*, Charles E. Tuttle Co., Japan, 1969, p. 141)

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200



MAORI TREASURE BOX, NEW ZEALAND

wakahuia length 17in (43.2cm)

Provenance

Leo and Lillian Fortess Collection, Honolulu, Hawai'i Private Collection, California, acquired in 1999

Finely carved in rounded-oblong shape with raised lid fitting into notches at each end; two projecting, rarely seen upside down *wheku* heads, one of the heads with a *paua* shell eye inlay, decorated overall with swirling designs and two *paua* shell inlays on the box to one side--presumably other inlay now lost; dark brown encrusted patina.

\$7,000 - 9,000 €6,100 - 7,800

MAORI STOREHOUSE DOOR JAMB, NEW ZEALAND

whakawae height 33 1/2in (85cm)

Provenance

English Private Collection
Acquired by the present owner from the above

Terrance Barrow, Ph.D. notes, "Storehouses (pataka) ranked with superior carved houses as the most important structures in a village. The best available carving talent was lavished on them and their carvings were prized by the community.[...] Pataka were used as foodstores but had a variety of other uses, including that of safeguarding rare and valued possession." (Maori Wood Sculpture of New Zealand, Charles E. Tuttle Co, 1969, p. 115)

The tall and narrowly carved architectural element from an elevated storage house (pataka), depicting two tiki figures carved in high relief, each with enlarged foreheads above circular eyes inlaid with paua shells, broad open mouths with tongues sticking out and downwards, each three-fingered hand resting on their respective abdomens; dark brown patina with wear to surface indicative of significant age.

\$60,000 - 90,000 €52,000 - 78,000





MAORI CANOE PADDLE, NEW ZEALAND

hoe height 63 1/2in (161.3cm)

Provenance

Wayne Heathcote American Private Collection, acquired in 1994

Gilbert Archey notes, "the Maori preferred smoothness for deft handling, on weapon as well as on canoe paddle. Only a long steering paddle would be given a butt-knob decoration of a carved head or an open-work profile manaia." (Whaowhia - Maori Art and Its Artists, Collins, Auckland and London, 1977, p. 66)

An exceptional example, probably carved for a war canoe, with a long slender blade finely carved with a wavy shaft terminating with a handle carefully carved with an openwork *manaia* gymnast figure with an arched back, his head looking upwards and carved with Maori tattoo designs; fine dark brown glossy patina.

\$30,000 - 40,000 €26,000 - 35,000

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MAORI WALKING STICK, NEW ZEALAND

length 36in (91.5cm)

Provenance

Todd Barlin, Sydney, Australia Private Collection, California, acquired in 2008

Finely carved with an upside down *wheku* head on the top by the projecting handle, a figure carved below, also upside down, each of the faces with inlaid *paua* shells; the cane shaft decorated overall with classic incised curving, linear design; rich, varied light and dark brown patina.

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200





RARE HEADREST, TIKOPIA OR ANUTA ISLAND, POLYNESIAN **OUTLIERS**

length 12 1/4in (31cm)

Provenance

Marjorie and Professor Sydney Musgrove, Auckland, New Zealand, acquired in 1933

Professor Musgrove was the head of Auckland University English Department from 1947-1979 and a distinguished Shakespearean scholar. The Musgroves were part of the Auckland North Shore literati and art scene. Their daughter, the late Dame Judith Binney, married the artist Don Binney, well known for his bird paintings. Judith Binney was a writer, New Zealand historian and scholar of Maori history and Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Auckland. Thence by descent

Ben Hunter, Auckland, New Zealand

Acquired by the present owner from the above

Possibly carved for someone of high rank, such as a chief (ariki) or at least a lineage elder, with incised design representative of Tikopia and Anuta tattoo designs. (Patrick V. Kirch, Ph.D., personal communication)

This exceedingly rare ceremonial headrest--as few as only five others purported to be known in German museums--is finely carved in the form of a stylized bird with a contoured, rounded body, conical head incised eyes and mouth, a finely carved squared, plank-form tail tapering outwards and gradually up, terminating with a stylized feathered end with four pronged elements; the whole resting on a squared base and highlighted throughout with red and black linear markings in diamond and parallel-line design; elegant, light-brown patina with natural wear indicative of much cultural use.

Polynesia includes thousands of islands located within the "Polynesian Triangle" of Hawai'i to the north, Easter Island to the south east and New Zealand to the south west. Outside of the Polynesian Triangle are about two dozen islands located in the geographic boundaries of Melanesia and Micronesia, but their inhabitants speak Polynesian languages. These islands are collectively called the Polynesian "outliers." In addition to speaking Polynesian languages, the residents also share common physical, cultural and political traits. Archaeological and anthropological

research has determined that these islands were populated by the Polynesians through a reverse migration. (Feinberg, Richard and Richard Scaglion, Polynesian Outliers - The State of the Art, The University of Pittsburg, 2012, p. 1)

As noted by Robert Craig, "Birds are common in Polynesian myths perhaps because of their unique character of being able to fly through the heavens--something that most other living creatures cannot do. Because of this uniqueness, most birds are regarded as having a sacred nature, sacred enough to become the messengers of gods and, in many cases, incarnations of the gods themselves. In Sāmoa, for example, Turi was the bird messenger of the god Tagaloa during the creation, and in the story of Tinirau, Rupe took the form of a pigeon and flew down to rescue Sina and her son. Other legends tell similar stories of birds and their interactions with humans. Many birds have the ability to speak--pigeons, plovers, snipes, ducks, and mud hens--and others are gigantic in size, large enough to carry humans from one island to another. Some even have the power of witchcraft.

In some island groups, it was believed that deceased ancestors sometimes returned to their families in the form of birds for one reason or another. Polynesians also believed that birds (especially white ones) were shadows of the gods, and every island group identified their many different birds with their representative deities. [. . .]

Ancient Polynesian's knowledge of birds was exhaustive and extraordinarily detailed. During their long oceangoing travels in their large double canoes, Polynesians relied on birds to help direct them to their remote destinations. It is also said that the ancient Polynesians used to send handcrafted pearl fishhooks from one island to another tied to the legs of birds, and today, we hear of other islanders who communicate by sending messages back and forth to friends on other islands, similar to the use of carrier pigeons elsewhere in the world." (Handbook of Polynesian Mythology, ABC-CLIO, Inc., Santa Barbara, 2004, p. 65)

\$60,000 - 90,000 €52,000 - 78,000





HINDU LUTE, INDIA

sarinda height 25 1/2in (64.8cm)

Provenance Private Collection, California

Cf. Biro, Yaëlle, "The John Quinn Collection of African Art, and It's Photographic Album by Charles Sheeler," *Tribal Arts*, Special Issue no. 3, p. 49, figure 49

\$2,000 - 3,000 €1,700 - 2,600



African Art

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Property from an Important Private Swiss Collection

The following selection of artworks were acquired during the 1950s from Mr. Jean-Paul Delcourt, a notable name in the field and expert to the Abidjan Court of Appeal. Delcourt moved to Côte d'Ivoire in the 1950's, sadly never to leave again as he recently passed away in Abidjan in September 2018. Albeit an extremely discreet figure, Delcourt was one of the most important and recognised experts of the Ivorian government and of the Afrique Noire. He sold many objects to important museums and collectors across Europe and Africa and was only known to the best collectors of his field. He co-authored the book *Potomo Waka*, Editions Lediberg, Milano. (1987) with Gian Franco Scanzi.



Jean-Paul Delcourt circa 1970's, Abidjan





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GURO ELEPHANT-HEAD HEDDLE PULLEY, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

height 5 1/4in (13.3cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400 44

DJIMINI JANUS HEDDLE PULLEY, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

height 5 3/4in (14.5cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

\$2,000 - 3,000 €1,700 - 2,600



MOSSI FEMALE FIGURE, BURKINA FASO

ninandé height 15 3/4in (40cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

The mysterious and powerful presence of this protective figure is accentuated by the immense amount of ritual patination applied to the surface; standing with her legs apart and slightly bent at the knees, pendulous breasts above her cylindrical, attenuated torso which projects out at the abdomen, highlighted with linear scarification and beads strung around her waist; her arms extended rigidly down the sides with hands connecting to her hips; her face with a serene and restrained appearance with eyes slightly half closed and mouth slightly open, with linear scarifications complementing the overall composition.

\$20,000 - 30,000 €17,000 - 26,000



LOBI JANUS FIGURE, BURKINA FASO

bateba height 17in (43.2cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

Carved in hard wood depicting a janus male and female figure sharing the same legs, torso, arms, neck, ears and head, each face with extended jaws, broad pursed lips, triangular nose, protruding bulbous eyes and lightly elevated curved eyebrows; each torso with broad shoulders above rounded, angular breasts and a protuberant umbilical; light to dark brown patina with encrusted kaolin, particularly to the male side.

As noted by Kate Ezra, "The artistic importance of [Lobi] work lies in an enduring simplicity, in the fine, lyrical expression of the mouth, which harmonizes with the large, three-dimensional eyes in the shape of coffee beans. [. . .] These figures can be seen on the roof, inside the house or before the entrance. When sacrifices are offered lavishly to them, the figures strengthen the faithfulness of wives, assure the growth of the fields, protect against illness and theft and give their advice through the voice of the oracle." (The Art of Black Africa, New York Graphic Society Ltd., 1972, p. 58)

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200



LOBI THREE-LEGGED STOOL, BURKINA FASO height 13in (33cm); length 21in (52cm)

Provenance Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

\$2,000 - 3,000 €1,700 - 2,600



48 FOUR LOBI FIGURINES, BURKINA FASO heights 5 7/8 - 7 7/8in (15 - 20cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

\$1,500 - 2,000 €1,300 - 1,700

49 **LOBI HEAD, BURKINA FASO** *baàthil*

height 21in (53.5cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent Timothy Garrard notes, "Large heads depicted on a post stake form a unique category of Lobi sculpture. They are found on both sides of the international boundary which runs through Lobi territory. Many examples are carved with great care and attention to detail. [. . .]

These sculpted heads were fixed to the ground at various shrines, both in the shrine room and open air. They are also found with their spike set into the top of an external wall, where they served as guardians of the house. For this reason, the end of the spike is often eroded. . ." (Phillips, Tom, ED. *Africa - The Art of a Continent*, Royal Academy of Arts, London, 1995, p. 521).

Finely carved, of dense wood and large scale, the long cylindrical neck with heavy erosion supporting the spherical, naturalistic head with bulbous features, including rounded cheeks and protuberant eyes, the top of the head with a sagittal crest dividing a coiffure defined by linear incisions on each side and a squared projected element pointing downward at the back; light brown encrusted patina with lime deposits in the crevices.

\$20,000 - 30,000 €17,000 - 26,000





BWA FIRE-WATCHER'S MASK, BURKINA FASO

height 11 3/4in (30cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

Although similar in style, the form of this mask is different from the usual wide, outspreading butterfly masks as it was worn by a male whose responsibility was to seeing that all of the herdsmen's fires were out at night; three metal spikes inserted into the back; rich, encrusted black and white kaolin checkerboard pattern on front and back with ochre pigment outlines.

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400



51 **BAULE GOLI MASK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE**

kplekple yaswa height 15 1/4in (39cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

The oval face decorated overall with ochre pigment, the mouth and circular eyes highlighted with kaolin above pierced triangular eye holes, the concave back surface showing ancient wear and erosion with a bite stick attached through two pierced holes along the edge.

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400



FANTI FERTILITY DOLL, GHANA

akua'ba height 13in (33cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

\$1,500 - 2,000 €1,300 - 1,700

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DAN MASK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

takangle or deangle height 11in (28cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

'Masks with delicate female features. narrow eyes, and a band over the forehead decorated with cowrie shells, serve a variety of purposes. First, and foremost, they are danced for entertainment. Known in this case as takangle, the masqueraders frequently specialize in singing. In their function as singer masks (glo sö) they support the "great mask" (go ge) and give expression to the authority of the influential Go society. Great masks act as judges and justices of the peace. On the other hand, this type of mask is also associated with the circumcision camps for adolescent boys. Called deangle, or guard masks, they serve as mediators between the camp and the village.' (Hahner, Iris, et. al., African Masks - The Barbier-Mueller Collection, Prestel, 2007, fig. 33)

Finely carved in dense wood with a carefully hollowed interior and pierced around the edges for attachment of the fiber band accented with cowrie shells and beads; the elliptical face slightly curved with the lower half angling slightly out; a raised vertical line separates the forehead and extends down the triangular nose, the protuberant open mouth inset on the upper lip with two metal teeth; fine, encrusted light brown patina with wear indicative of age and much cultural use.

\$15,000 - 20,000 €13,000 - 17,000





IGBO HEAD CREST, NIGERIA

height 11 3/4in (30cm)

Provenance
Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan
Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s
Thence by descent

\$2,000 - 3,000 €1,700 - 2,600



BAULE SEATED MALE FIGURE, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

blolo blan height 17in (43.2cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

Finely carved seated with his legs slightly bent on a tall stool, the right hand resting on the chest, the left on the abdomen, the coiffure bound into a topknot pulled towards the back of the head with a lower extension slightly curving outwards, wearing a goatee with four braids and a long metal chain wrapped around the neck and body; multiple raised scarification throughout; glossy dark brown patina.

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200



ASHANTI FERTILITY FIGURE, GHANA

akua'ba height 13in (33cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

Of rounded proportions overall, standing on a squared base with legs separated and slightly bent at the knees, an elongated torso with the arms held closely at the side with hands resting at the extended abdomen; the long, cylindrical neck with multiple rings supporting an enlarged rounded head with coiffure divided in half down the center and incised with serrated linear braids; the large eyes in crescent form above a diminutive nose and mouth, the cheeks with incised star scarification; glossy black patina with white and blue pigment highlights; wearing a beaded necklace and a beaded string around her waist.

\$2,000 - 3,000 €1,700 - 2,600

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BAULE/GURO DOLL, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

height 9 7/8in (24.5cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

\$1,500 - 2,000 €1,300 - 1,700

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ASHANTI FERTILITY DOLL, GHANA

akua'ba height 12 5/8in (32cm)

Provenance

Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s Thence by descent

\$2,000 - 3,000 €1,700 - 2,600





FANTI FERTILITY DOLL, GHANA TOGETHER WITH AN ASHANTI FERTILITY DOLL, GHANA

akua'ba heights 13 and 13 1/4in (33 and 33.4cm)

Provenance
Jean-Paul Delcourt, Abidjan
Swiss Private Collection, acquired in the 1950s
Thence by descent

\$1,000 - 1,500 €870 - 1,300



PROPERTY OF VARIOUS OWNERS

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DJENNE PENDANT OF A KNEELING COUPLE, INLAND NIGER DELTA, MALI, 14TH - 16TH CENTURY

height 2in (5.1cm)

Provenance

Hélène and Philippe Leloup, Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1992

Exhibited

New York, Echoing Images - Couples in African Sculpture, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, February 10, 2004 - September 5, 2004

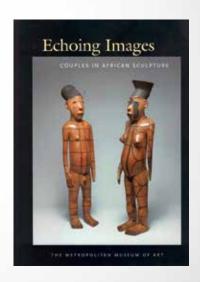
'Across the vastness and complexity of sub-Saharan Africa, and over the centuries, representations of couples,' notes Alisa LaGamma, 'have evoked a fundamental desire of the human condition -- a yearning of the individual to transcend isolation and connect with an "other." Figurative pairs created by artists from the extreme reaches of the continent, ranging from the Dogon of Mali to the Sakalava of Madagascar, constitute artistic explorations into this realm of duality, that aesthetic quest at once engenders original and distinctive creations and commentaries that touch on a universally accessible theme. While these figures grow out of a mythos present in many cultures around the world, images

of idealized figurative pairs often express underlying social and philosophical ideas concerning duality that are culturally specific.

The term "couple" suggests the presence of a bond that joins two elements together. Although Western social conventions have conceived of such pairing as comprising a man and a woman, the term also can be applied to two persons or forces paired together. Both a quintessential human desire to seek out unions with other human beings and the duality of the human condition have been the source of philosophical speculation since antiquity.' (Echoing Images - Couples in African Sculpture, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 2004, p. 9)

The male and female romantically joined as a couple, seated side-by-side in seiza style with their hands resting on their knees; each with rounded head gazing slightly upwards, together in the same direction, with button eyes, elongated noses and pursed lips; circular suspension holes on each back, the female's broken off; shiny dark brown patina with green oxidation, mostly encrusted in the crevices.

\$10,000 - 15,000 €8,700 - 13,000





DOGON STANDING FEMALE FIGURE, MALI

height 26 1/4in (66.7cm)

Provenance

Tristan Tzara, Paris, 1950s Christophe Tzara, Paris, 1969 Sotheby's, London, July 8, 1969, Lot 164 Merton Simpson, New York Philippe Guimiot, Brussels Baudouin de Grunne, Brussels Bernard de Grunne, Brussels Private American Collection, acquired from the above in 1997

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Guimiot, Philippe, and Lucien Van de Velde, *Oerkunsten van Zwart Afrika / Arts Premiers d'Afrique Noire*. Brussels: Credit Communal de Belgique, 1977, p. 27

Guimiot, Philippe, Regards sur une Collection, Brussels, 1995, plate 3

Exhibited

Credit Communal de Belgique, *Oerkunsten van zwart Africa/Arts Premiers d'Afrique Noire*, Brussels, 1977, March 5 - April 17, 1977

Despite the ancient losses, the present sculpture displays the asymmetrical composition and naturalism frequently observed in Dogon art. Additionally, the sculpture suggests the tender yet protective functionality of women in Dogon society. Standing upright with an elongated torso with incised geometric designs around the projecting navel, she wears a raised necklace that rests on her chest, the cylindrical neck supports the domed head with incised coiffure and central ridged crest which leads down to an arrow shaped nose above diminutive protruding lips, the eyes simply defined by lightly incised ovals; the dark brown, encrusted surface with ancient erosion throughout.

\$100,000 - 150,000 €87,000 - 130,000









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DOGON LADDER, MALI

height 8ft 6in (259cm)

Provenance

Bud Holland, Chicago Private Collection, Florida Bonhams, New York, May 2013, Lot 101 Timothy Hunt, New York

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400

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DOGON MASK, MALI

height 14in (35.6cm)

Provenance

George Rodrigues, New York, 1969 Private Collection Sotheby's New York, May 18, 1992, Lot 91 American Private Collection

Kate Ezra notes, "For the *dama*, or final commemorative ceremony for an important Dogon elder, hundreds of masked dancers perform, creating a brilliantly colored, ever-changing spectacle of sculpture, costume, song, and dance. During his research in the 1930s Marcel Griaule documented more than seventy different mask types, representing animals, birds, human characters, and abstract concepts, which he considered to be a visual summary of the world surrounding the Dogon people. Griaule saw the *dama* ceremony as a stunning materialization of the loose links between contemporary Dogon society and the mythical time when masks were first acquired and used to counteract the negative effect of death (Griaule, 1938: 790). By reenacting the behavior of the mythic ancestors, the Dogon strive to restore order to their world after the disruption caused by death." (*Art of the Dogon - Selections from the Lester Wunderman Collection*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 1988, p. 73.)

Both animalistic and abstract in composition, this present superb example is deeply hollowed with a domed head and opening in the back with pierced holes for attachments; mysterious, hollowed eyes pierced through a sloping facial plane terminated with a diminutive mouth; the face divided by a triangular nose on a flat plane below an overhanging forehead; heavily encrusted brown patina with wear indicative of significant age and cultural use.

\$15,000 - 20,000 €13,000 - 17,000



DOGON HUNTER'S MASK, SANGA REGION, MALI

dannana height 16 1/4in (41.3cm)

Provenance

Helena Rubinstein, Paris and New York Sotheby's, Parke-Bernet, New York, April 21, 1966, Lot 85 Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1994

'Based on the French ethnographer Marcel Griaule's 1938 publication of photographs of a mask from Ireli, this wood mask is a predatory human, specifically a hunter. Noteworthy traits include the dark encrusted surface, the flat face and the projecting mouth that originally had millet-stalk teeth. The most distinctive feature is its nose, which Griaule described as a "human profile." It resembles the top of an animal head with a long snout or jaw. Such a mask would be worn by a man more than 20 years old, the senior agegroup in the Awa society. His costume would have been an ordinary tunic covered with leaves, combining domesticated and wild materials, and he would have carried a sword, a lance and a leather bag with medicines. In a pantomime rather than a dance, dannana aggressively hunts another masquerader, the rabbit, but fails to catch him. The rabbit in this context is the trickster, intelligent and cunning, able to defy man. The pairing of hunter and rabbit may refer to the myth recounting how the first hunter mask was created. A skilled hunter killed an antelope, and both the rabbit and the hyena asked for a share. After much discussion and some chasing, the rabbit tells the hunter that the hyena attacked him, whereupon the hunter kills the hyena. It should be noted that the Dogon consistently describe the hyena in negative terms: as an unprovoked attacker, ugly and smelly, and with a repulsive voice. In the myth, the hunter tells his father about killing the antelope and the hyena, and his father dies. The hunter perceives his father's death not as a coincidence but as being caused by the killing of the two animals. This is in keeping with the virtually universal African belief that all illnesses and deaths have more than physical causes. The Dogon myth concludes with the hunter carving masks. Griaule infers that the hunter wanted to protect himself from the spirits of the animals he killed. The other human predatory masks--a foreign warrior, a sorcerer and a mythic ancestor--also have associations with death and disorder.' (Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, WEB, nd.)

This highly abstract mask has a very mysterious presence, the flat facial plane pierced with triangular-shaped eyes, rounded at the top and squared along the edges with a slight lip extending out from the rear portion; on top an animal motif carved with a spherical head and long snout (possibly an elephant) connected to the nose of the mask, protuberant lips with mouth open revealing holes for teeth once inset; dark brown encrusted patina with remnants of applied antelope fur on the face, wear indicative of significant age and cultural use.

\$20,000 - 30,000 €17,000 - 26,000





BWA WATER SPIRIT MASK, BLACK VOLTA RIVER REGION, BURKINO FASO

nwantantay height 72 3/8in (183.8cm)

Provenance

Jacques Ulmann, Paris Jean Louis Picard, Paris, October 11 - 12, 1993, Lot 18 Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection

As noted by Christopher Roy, "The most impressive Bwa masks are the great plank masks, named nwantantay in Boni and Dossi. These are carved on two basic patterns: the majority of plank masks consist of a large oval facial area with a protuberant round mouth through which the performer can see. Below the mouth are three black leaf shapes (triangles), and above are two great target eyes. the face is connected to the plank by a diamond or lozenge from which protrudes a downward-curving and very prominent hook [the present work having an old indigenous repair]. The plank is a large, vertical rectangle marked with geometric patterns in black and white, and sometimes red [as in the present work]. This is, in turn, surmounted by a large crescent with the opening turned up. [. . .]

[. . .] All masks are covered with geometric patterns that are very similar to patterns used by the Mossi and the *gurunsi*. The geometric patterns represent the scars worn by men and women. The most prominent and ubiquitous of these scars is the 'X' or cross on the center of the forehead. The Bwa also use the 'Voltaic target motif', black-and-white checkerboards [representing the separation of knowledge from ignorance], crescents, zigzags [possibly representing the skeleton of the sacred serpent], systems of black and white triangles, curving lines, and lozenges, all colored with natural red, white, and black pigments. As elsewhere in the central Voltaic area, these geometric patterns comprise a system of signs and symbols used in initiations." (Art of the Upper Volta Rivers, Alain et Françoise Chaffin, Paris, 1987, pp.

In addition to the design patterns mentioned above by Roy, the present work is decorated overall on the reverse side of the plank with the checkerboard pattern; exquisite encrusted painted surface with an indigenous repair to the prominent hook element, each indicative of significant cultural use.

\$20,000 - 30,000 €17,000 - 26,000

BAMANA ANTHROPOMORPHIC DOOR LOCK, MALI

konbalabala height 20in (51cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, France

Minimalistic, yet with an elegant and profound disposition, the present work is finely carved with well-balanced proportions in the form of a standing female figure, her legs wide apart and carved at the front of each with an abstract zigzag pattern; the long squared torso with conical breasts and highlighted with an incised crisscross design; cut out in back for the locking element; the long cylindrical neck supporting a rounded head slightly turned off-center to the left with a flat facial plane with an elongated nose tapering down; the top of the head with a double sagittal crest; fine varied light and dark brown glossy and encrusted patina with wear indicative of much cultural use.





MOSSI ANTELOPE MASK, RISIAM STYLE, BURKINA FASO

karanga height 53in (134.6cm)

Provenance

Alan Mann, London Marc and Denyse Ginzberg, New York Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1992

Considered by Christopher Roy to be the best known but most enigmatic of the tall, plank-topped masks of the Mossi northern style mask (*Art of the Upper Volta Rivers*, Alain and François Chaffin, Paris, 1987, p. 131), the mask presented here has a hollowed domed face surmounted by a pair of tall, elegantly curved and slender parallel planks, each decorated with a raised triangular pattern and joined at the top and bottom, becoming a crest between the triangular-shaped, mysterious hollowed eyes; pierced around the edges in back for attachment; heavily encrusted dark brown and deep red patina showing signs of significant age and cultural use.

\$15,000 - 20,000 €13,000 - 17,000



MOSSI FEMALE FIGURE, BURKINA FASO

height 7 1/2in (19cm)

Provenance

European Private Collection

\$2,500 - 3,500 €2,200 - 3,000

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LOBI MALE FIGURE, BURKINA FASO

bateba duntundara height 7 1/4in (18.4cm)

Provenance European Private Collection

\$3,000 - 4,000 €2,600 - 3,500



MOSSI DOLL, KAYA STYLE, BURKINA FASO

height 11in (28cm)

Provenance

Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

\$2,000 - 3,000 €1,700 - 2,600

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MENDE HELMET MASK, SIERRA LEONE

sowei height 13in (33cm)

Provenance

Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

Published

Mato, Daniel and Charles Miller III, Sande: Masks and Statues from Liberia and Sierra-Leone, Gallery Balolu, Amsterdam, 1900, pages 36-37

Finely carved with deeply hollowed conical form, the domed coiffure divided by eight vertical bands, one with woven silver applied down the center, four of the bands in V-form with knobs at the end possibly representing miniature Koranic talismans, all supporting a three-tiered, square-form element on top; the braided coiffure at the midsection bordered by a band with an incised linear design, curving and peaking above the facial plane with an enlarged, domed and convex forehead with five incised circles forming an upside down cross; a diminutive face with horizontal slit eyes, triangular nose with flared nostrils above an open mouth holding a plug, above a pointed chin; three ribs around the neck and pierced along the lower edge for fiber attachments; glossy black patina with old erosion to the top and back rim, indicative of significant age and cultural use.





SENUFO ANCESTRAL MALE FIGURE, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

height 25 1/4in (64.1cm)

Provenance

Alan Mann, London Dr. Werner Muensterberger, London Morris Pinto, Geneva Sotheby's, London, May 9, 1977, Lot 116 British Rail Pension Fund Sotheby's, London, July 3, 1989, Lot 71 Private American Collection

Robert Goldwater notes, "The most numerous, and to the outside world the most familiar, of Senufo wooden sculptures is a female figure, standing, or less frequently sitting, and usually between six inches and two feet high. Both functionally and stylistically these works are part of a more heterogeneous group that includes representations of mother and child, standing male and equestrian figures, and more rarely seated or standing couples. Such sculptures are made in all parts of Senufo country; the role they play in the religious pantheon is everywhere the same and the formal variations they exhibit have more to do with region than with their meaning, type or pose.

The standing figures are ancestral representations; but since mythical, i.e., tribal, ancestors of the distant past, and the more recent real ancestors are shown exactly the same way, once they are out of their ceremonial context there is no way of telling them apart. Maesen points out that the mythical ancestors are generally male, while the real ancestors, who are directly associated with fertility, are usually conceived in pairs; but individual figures are also made, and the fact that most of these are female may account for their preponderance in collections outside Africa." (Senufo Sculpture of West Africa, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, 1964, p. 99)

Of hard wood with the elongated back acting as a strong axis to the curvilinear elements of the long, downward sloping face, the coiffure with a single crested ridge and the rounded legs slightly bent at the knees; a pouch is slung around the neck and rests on its back with a stick bound with fiber cordage around the neck; a rich encrusted black patina with ancient loss of each arm.

\$80,000 - 120,000 €70,000 - 100,000





SENUFO MASK FOR THE DO SOCIETY, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

kpeli-yehe height 11in (28cm)

Provenance

European Private Collection

"Like wooden masks, Do masks of brass or pewter were used during the funerals of important personages or on key Islamic holidays. They were disseminated among the Mande-speaking, Islamized Dyula trading communities who lived in Kong and in the Senufo region west of that city." (Hahner, Iris, et al., *African Masks - The Barbier-Muller Collection*, Prestel, 2007, p. 16)

74 SENUFO CULTIVATION STAFF, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

tefalipitya height 53 1/2in (136cm)

Provenance

Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

The sculpted figure representing *pitya*--an unmarried young woman at the peak of her beauty--standing with arched feet planted firmly on top of the staff, the back fully arched and abdomen protruding forward, the diminutive face with serene expression below the incised coiffure with raised frontal and rear elements; rich, dark brown patina with a metal point attached to the bottom.

"Through the use of sculpture, orchestra, song, and dance, hoeing contests transform grinding labor into ritual. From dawn to dusk throughout the cultivating season, teams of young men swing their iron hoes to the rhythms of drums and xylophones, as proud staff bearers follow behind the competing champions.[. . .]

[...] the figure promises a beautiful fiancée, increase for the kinship unit, abundant harvest, and many children." (Vogel, Susan, For Spirits and Kings - African Art from the Paul and Ruth Tishman Collection, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 1981, p. 48)





SENUFO BIRD-FORM HEDDLE PULLEY, CÔTE D'IVOIRE height 6.75in (17.1cm)

Provenance

Jean and Noble Endicott, New York Private Collection, New York

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400

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DAN/GUERE MASK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

height 16 1/2in (41.9cm)

Provenance

Hélène and Phillipe Leloup, Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1989 Elsy Leuzinger notes, "To give concrete form to their powerful bush demon, conceived as a hateful personality, the Ngere-Wobe style uses bold, aggressive and dynamic forms, exaggeratedly realistic human and animal elements, protruding forehead and cheekbones, swollen lips, flattened fleshy noses, eyes in the shape of tubes or castanets...The resultant appearance in the dance produces a fantastic grotesque effect of exaggerated reality." (The Art of Black Africa, New York Graphic Society, 1972, p. 100).

Mysterious and elaborate, the present work is finely carved with a cubistic facial plane of angularity, form and void, the projecting tubular eyes highlighted with kaolin, a long, articulated projecting animalistic snout with spotted decoration, the top portion attached with buffalo hide and fiber cordage; fine encrusted black patina highlighted with pigments.

\$30,000 - 40,000 €26,000 - 35,000





77 **DAN LADLE, CÔTE D'IVOIRE**

wunkirmian or wakemia height 19 1/4in (49cm)

Provenance

Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

Carved from dense wood, the oblong ladle and bent shaft decorated with incised geometric design, supporting a head with raised and striated coiffure, the face with a central ridge running vertically down the forehead, arched eyebrows and protruding lip; fine varied dark brown patina with wear indicative of much use.

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400



78 DAN MASQUETTE, CÔTE D'IVOIRE height 9in (23cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, New Jersey Private Collection, New York, acquired in the 1980s

Finely carved with balanced proportions of both angular and circular composition; the rounded face divided on the forehead by a raised linear element and creased convexly at the eyes and terminating with a pointed chin; the rounded nose and lips protruding outwards in an angular fashion against the facial plane; slit, horizontal eyes below arched brows; pierced holes at the temples and top for suspension; fine dark brown/ black patina.

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200



GURO ANTELOPE MASK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

zamble height 14in (35.5cm)

Provenance

European Private Collection

Representing a bushbuck antelope (*zru*), it is one of the three *yu* masks found among the northern Guro and serves as an arbitrator in quarrels and to detect and extinguish evil forces.

Of classic animistic and lively style with large observant eyes and open, squared mouth revealing teeth and the tongue, the horns with ribbed design at the head then projecting and curving upwards at the back; the back of the mask with mouth grip inserted and wear indicative of much cultural use; fine medium brown patina with white, red and blue painted highlights.

\$7,000 - 9,000 €6,100 - 7,800



KROU (GREBO) MASK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

height 13 1/4in (33.5cm)

Provenance

European Private Collection

Vibrant, enigmatic and highly abstract, the flat plane of the face below a broad overhanging forehead with two square mirrors applied to each temple, large, protuberant cylindrical eyes and squared mouth with metal teeth applied to the top and bottom lips, two circular glue remnants, presumably for mirror attachments, on each side of the mouth; pierced along the bottom edge for attachment, the back of the mask deeply hollowed with foam attachments on the upper and bottom sections for the dancer's comfort, pierced throughout the top of the head for feather inserts and around the back edge for fiber attachments; dark brown and black encrusted patina with kaolin highlights on the forehead.

\$12,000 - 18,000 €10,000 - 16,000



81 BAULE PORTRAIT MASK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE ndoma height 9 3/4in (25m)

Provenance

European Private Collection

"Baule art", notes Susan Vogel, "has remained at the core of the Western canon of African art, even as ideas about the canon have evolved and tastes have changed. While the relative naturalism and consummate workmanship of Baule objects were praised at the outset, today these objects are appreciated for the subtle rhythms and a beauty that stops short of sweetness. To the Western eye, an essence of Baule style is a balance asymmetry that enlivens while suggesting stability and calm." (Baule - African Art, Western Eyes, Yale University Art Gallery, 1997, p. 26)

This apparent symmetry Vogel describes is illustrated in the present work with the left eye and ear slightly higher than the right; of oval form with serrated edge as the boarder, the coiffure with incised zigzag decoration above a broad, concave forehead, arched eyebrows lead to a long, linear nose above pursed lips; raised scarification between the eyebrow, on the temples and on each cheek; fine, encrusted dark brown with kaolin highlights to the eyes and mouth.

\$6,000 - 8,000 €5,200 - 7,000 82 **BAULE FEMALE FIGURE, CÔTE D'IVOIRE**asie usu

height 18 1/2in (47cm)

Provenance

William W. Brill Collection, New York Private Collection, New York

According to Susan Vogel, 'Although asye usu [bush spirits] are horrible looking and inhuman, their figures are carved in the form of ideal, beautiful human beings in their prime. People who have spotted asye usu in the bush describe them as physically immoderate--perhaps huge, perhaps tiny as a statuette, having long limbs or only one arm or leg, or with feet that turn backward, or huge mops of pale hair covering their faces, or a face with only one eye. They are usually filthy, but they may also be covered with gold ornaments.

Some people told me that if the sculpture was not beautiful, it would not be efficacious, for the *asye usu* would refuse to come and "sit" on it. They also felt that the spirit might be offended by an ugly figure and harm the carver or the owner.' (*Baule - African Art Western Eyes*, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, 1997, p. 231)

Finely carved in hard wood in an overall delicate and attenuated composition, the present figure is finely balanced with her feet firmly curving over the rounded base, legs slightly bent at the knees with her calves lightly swollen, her torso with pendulous breasts and proportionally long arms held closely alongside with the hands resting on her enlarged abdomen with protruding umbilicus, the extended cylindrical neck supporting her head with a finely incised coiffure designed with a sagittal crest and a domed back with a short braided element hanging down; delicate rounded ears frame the face with tranquil almond-shaped eyes, an attenuated nose and slightly pursed lips; intricate and finely carved raised scarification highlight the front and back of the torso, back of the neck and face; wearing a band of glass beads around the neck and waist; encrusted dark brown ritual patination showing evidence of significant cultural use and age.

\$18,000 - 22,000 €16,000 - 19,000





AGNI SEATED MALE FIGURE, GHANA

height 9 3/4in (25m)

Provenance

European Private Collection

The figure seated perched on the front of a tall-backed chair, arms crossed at the chest; a long cylindrical ribbed neck supports the enlarged head with feather-like incised coiffure extending backwards; glossy dark brown patina with encrustations; kaolin and blue pigment highlights to the torso, mouth and temples.

AKAN COMB, GHANA

duafe height 9 7/8in (25.1cm)

Provenance

Gustave and Franyo Schindler, New York American Private Collection, acquired in

Exceptionally carved in a well-balanced composition of a figure within an oval surround above eleven tines; fine dark brown encrusted patina.

Given as gifts to Akan men and women to mark special events, the iconography of the comb often reflects the reason for the commission.

\$6,000 - 8,000 €5,200 - 7,000





ASANTE/ASHANTI COMB, GHANA

height 11 1/2in (29.2cm)

Provenance

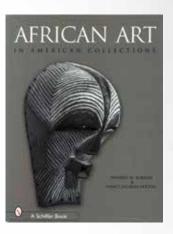
Gustave and Franyo Schindler, New York American Private Collection, acquired in 1992

Published

Robbins, Warren M., and Nancy Ingram Nooter, *African Art in American Collections, Survey 1989*, Washington, D.C. and London, Smithsonian Institution Press, 1989, p. 547, no. 1476

Finely carved with a large circular head above a squared "torso" highlighted with incised geometric patterns on the front and an incised circle on the back, the whole above seven pines; dark brown encrusted surface.

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200



ASANTE/ASHANTI COMB, GHANA

height 10 1/2in (26.7cm)

Provenance

Gustave and Franyo Schindler, New York American Private Collection, acquired in 1992

Finely carved with a handle of openwork design with a squatting figure above eleven tines; fine encrusted dark brown patina.



CHAMBA BUSH COW MASK, NIGERIA

lang gbadna height 33 1/2in (85.1cm)

Provenance

Dr. Michel Gaud, Saint Tropez, France Sotheby's, London, November 29, 1993 Lot 87 Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1993

Published

La Rencontre du Ciel et de la Terre, Cannes, Ville de Cannes, Z'Editions, 1992, p. 22, no. 47

Exhibited

Cannes, Musée de la Castre, La Rencontre du Ciel et de la Terre, 1990

Of monumental, powerful and strongly abstract form with well-balanced proportions, the curves of the finely delineated horns projecting up and inwards as a counterweight to the squared, broad and gaping mouth with a series of notches, teeth perhaps, etched into the middle of each lip, the deeply hollowed dome head pierced around the edges for fiber attachments, as well as through each C-form ear and inside of the mouth, a central ridge runs across the middle of the head and tapers out towards a raised snout, the eyes inset with conical metal pegs, one more conical and longer than the other; fine encrusted red and black patina with indigenous metal plate repairs to the left horn and to the top of the head with overall wear indicative of much cultural use.

\$20,000 - 30,000 €17,000 - 26,000





ANGUS OR KORO SEED MASK, NIGERIA

overall height 20in (50.8cm)

Provenance

Ben Hunter, Auckland, New Zealand American Private Collection

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400

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CHAMBA ANCESTRAL COUPLE, MIDDLE BENUE RIVER VALLEY, NIGERIA

heights 19 3/4 and 20in (50.2cm and 50.9cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, New York

'Across the vastness and complexity of sub-Saharan Africa, and over the centuries, representations of couples,' notes Alisa LaGamma, 'have evoked a fundamental desire of the human condition--a yearning of the individual to transcend isolation and connect with an "other." Figurative pairs created by artists from the extreme reaches of the continent, ranging from the Dogon of Mali to the Sakalava of Madagascar, constitute artistic explorations into this realm of duality, that aesthetic quest at once engenders original and distinctive creations and commentaries that touch on a universally accessible theme. While these figures grow out of a mythos present in many cultures around the world, images of idealized figurative pairs often express underlying social and philosophical ideas concerning duality that are culturally specific.

The term "couple" suggests the presence of a bond that joins two elements together. Although Western social conventions have conceived of such pairing as comprising a man and a woman, the term also can be applied to two persons or forces paired together. Both a quintessential human desire to seek out unions with other human beings and the duality of the human condition have been the source of philosophical speculation since antiquity.' (Echoing Images - Couples in African Sculpture, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 2004, p. 9)

Each of finely carved hard wood with powerful and strongly abstract features often seen in Chamba sculpture, including undulating limbs, shoulders hunched forward and legs apart; each figure with rounded heads bordered by large circular ears and topped by a sagittal crest; each narrow face with circular, trance-like eyes above pursed lips accented with linear scarification on each cheek; the female carved with diminutive breasts at the mid-section of the torso; each of encrusted, reddish-brown patina.

\$18,000 - 22,000 €16,000 - 19,000





MUMUYE STANDING FIGURE, NIGERIA

lagana height 17in (43.2cm)

Provenance

Private Collection, New York, acquired in the 1980s

According to Richard Fardon, 'All Mumuye statues are columnar in form, although there is a considerable degree of variation in the degree of angularity among them. Most often, Mumuye statues give the viewer an impression of two external surfaces, one of which contains the other creating a space between them. Henry Moore commented on this in 1951 in relation to the female of the Lilley figures in the British Museum, which he had sketched on its accession almost thirty years earlier: "as if the carver has managed to make [the figure] 'spatial' by the way in which he has made the arms free and yet enveloping the central form of the body."' (Central Nigeria Unmasked: Arts of the Benue River Valley, The Quick and the Dead: Versatile Wooden Figures from the Middle Benue, Fowler Museum at UCLA, Los Angeles, 2011, p. 264-5)

Of classic, highly abstract form, the legs carved in zigzag angular form; the elongated arms curving inwards, providing a sense of movement and balancing against the void between the hourglass-form torso with protuberant umbilical; the shoulders rounded, slightly sloping and supporting the cylindrical neck with a red fiber necklace and an extended laryngeal prominence harmonizing with the profile of the mouth, nose and umbilical; the head of circular form with sagittal crest, large circular ears and eyes simply defined by incised circles above three linear incised scarification on the cheeks; fine encrusted dark brown patina with kaolin highlights to the ears, eyes, cheeks and mouth.

\$7,000 - 9,000 €6,100 - 7,800

YORUBA TWIN FIGURES, ABEOKUTA, NIGERIA

ibeji

heights 8 3/4 and 9in (22.2 and 22.9cm)

Provenance Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

Each with the Abeokuta signature on the underside of the bases.

\$3,000 - 5,000 €2,600 - 4,400



EXCEPTIONAL KOTA RELIQUARY GUARDIAN FIGURE, OBAMBA GROUP, GABON

height 23 1/4in (59.1cm)

Provenance

Field collected by Dr. Paul Aubert, Directeur Institut Pasteur in Brazzaville, 1909-1916; Co-author of *Quelques coutumes particulières du mariage au Cameroun*, Togo-Cameroon, 1929 Ader Picard Tajan, May 21, 1990, Lot 88 Private American Collection

Exhibited

The Inner Eye: Vision and Transcendence in African Arts, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, February 26 - July 9, 2017

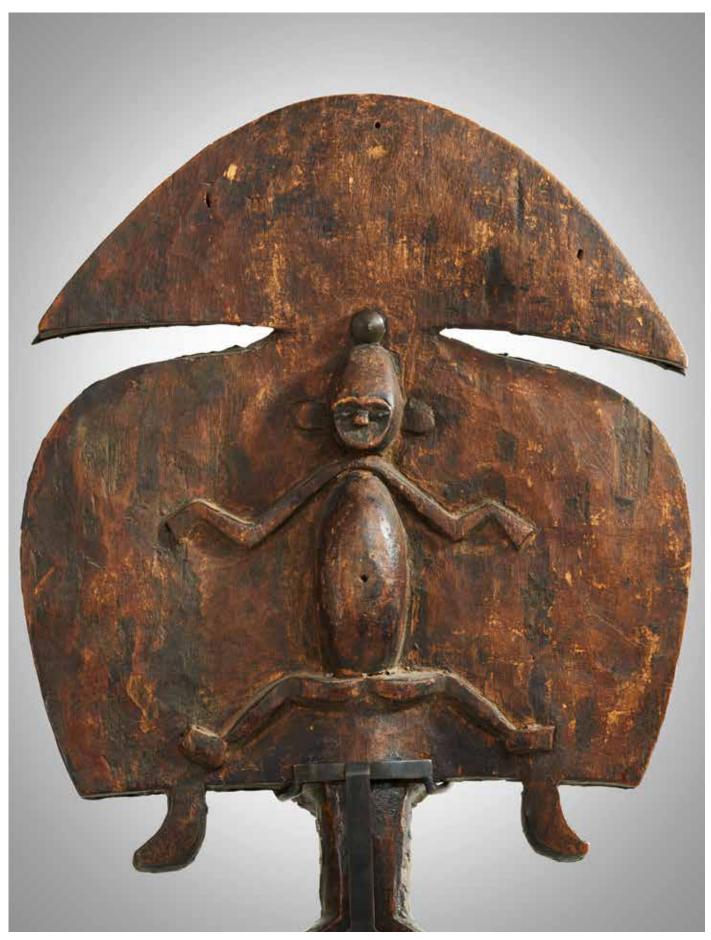
William Rubin notes, 'Taken together, the Kota and Hongwe reliquary figures--certainly the most abstract of the tribal sculptures Picasso encountered--constitute, along with Baga figures and Fang masks and reliquary heads, the most important African prototypes for his art from June 1907 until the summer of the following year. The painter owned two Kota reliquary figures and though there is no documentation, photographic or otherwise, as to when he acquired them, the simplicity, rawness, indeed the very mediocrity of both of them--quite apart from their influence on his work in 1907--suggest that they were among the earliest tribal objects he acquired. By the start of World War I, Paul Guillaume possessed some very fine Kotas, but Picasso seems not to have reached for these (in part, no doubt, because they were very expensive.)

The lozenge-shaped lower supports for the heads [as in the work presented here] of the Kota reliquary guardians are usually taken-wrongly, the specialists tell us--as legs. And the readings by the modern artists were no exception. If we imagine them as legs, the reliquary figure as a whole suggests a dancer--as we see in the little leaping personage in Klee's *Idols*--whose heels are together and whose knees are splayed out in profile below the frontal head. Picasso was evidently sufficiently fascinated by this bent knee position to explore it in a large drawing, which was extrapolated in paintings such as *Nude with Raised Arms* known generically as "Dancing figures" or "African Dancers." (*Primitivism in 20th Century Art*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, 1984-5, vol. 1, pp. 266-7)

The concave oval face of the present example is subdivided into four quadrants by two brass bands. Two raised concave eyebrows accentuate the convex circular eyes, each inset with nails as pupils and flank the projecting triangular nose. The outer surface of the face is covered with successive bands of cut copper filaments. The two curved lateral extensions, often interpreted as cheeks, are covered with undecorated brass on the front, while the crescent form extension on the top, often interpreted as the moon, features a raised section in the center decorated with an embossed triangle design. The cylindrical neck is wrapped in brass with an embossed diamond pattern. The upper section, often interpreted as shoulders, of the openwork lozenge is covered at the front with applied brass with an alternating linear design of triangles; the lower section bound with fiber cordage. On the reverse side, directly behind the face, is an unusual figure of a splayed monkey carved in low relief.

\$300,000 - 500,000 €260,000 - 440,000









KONGO MALE FETISH FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

nkisi height 11in (28cm)

Provenance

European Private Collection

Standing on a rounded base with legs slightly bent at the knees, the torso with a large, squared fetish bundle with ritual patination applied; the arms held at the side, ending at the elbows; the domed head with raised, square-form scarification line along the brow above porcelain-inlaid eyes, diminutive nose and gaping mouth as if inhaling; light brown, cream patina with red pigment highlights to the top of the head.

\$5,000 - 7,000 €4,400 - 6,100

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BAMILEKE JANUS CARYATID THRONE, CAMEROON

height 17 1/4in (43.8cm)

Provenance

Galerie Ratton-Hourdé, Paris Private Collection, California

Published

Galerie Ratton-Hourdé, Atlantes & Caryatides: Trônes d'Afrique Noire, Paris, 2014, p. 13

Exhibited

Paris, Atlantes & Caryatides: Trônes d'Afrique Noire, Galerie Ratton-Hourdé, Paris, 2014

"The human icon [in Grassfields art]", notes Tamara Northern, "ranks highest, and its zoomorphic equivalent are the royal referent-leopard, elephant, buffalo, and serpent. Throughout the Grassfields the leopard is conceived as a royal alter-ego, surrounded by lore and appropriated as a symbol in rituals and ceremonies of kingship. It is believed that a king may at will turn into a leopard. This quality of transformation is also accorded the leopard, whose ability to assume human form is widely acknowledged." (The Art of Cameroon, Smithsonian Institution, 1984, p. 43)

\$6,000 - 8,000 €5,200 - 7,000



LEGA MASKETTE FOR THE BWAMI SOCIETY, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

lukwakongo height 5 1/2in (14cm)

Provenance

Gaston de Havenon, New York Quay-Lombrail, Paris, June 30, 1994, Lot 52 Lance Entwistle, London and Paris American Private Collection, acquired in 1994

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Robbins, Warren, African Art: The de Havenon Collection, Washington, D.C., Museum of African Art, 1971, no. 243

Exhibited

Washington, D.C, Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution, *African Art: The de Havenon Collection*, May 1971

As noted by Elizabeth Cameron, 'The genius of the Lega artist lies in taking the needs of the Bwami patron and producing a unique artwork that fits carefully within the canon. Each mask, for example, is unmistakably Lega in style and carefully fits within the confines of Bwami, but when placed with others, its uniqueness can be seen by the critic from an artistic point of view. When connoisseurs try to define Lega style, however, they find it almost impossible. The forehead bulges, except when it is flat; human faces, especially those depicted as masks, are heart-shaped, except when they are not. As aptly summarized by Ralph Altman, "Balega art . . . consists mainly of an infinite number of variations of a few motifs and forms of sculpture." (Art of the Lega, UCLA Fowler Museum, 2001, p. 67)

Daniel Biebuyck notes, "All Lega carvings are made for the Bwami [the central, all-pervading, unifying institution in Lega society], used, owned and understood only by the higher membership. [. . .] In the final initiation rite of the highest order, the artworks are no longer interpreted; they are seen as a revelation, inspiring pure contemplation." (La Sculpture des Lega, Galerie Hélène and Philippe Leloup, Paris/New York, 1994, p. 42)

\$20,000 - 30,000 €17,000 - 26,000







96 MANGBETU CEREMONIAL KNIFE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

height 15 3/4in (40cm)

Provenance

Pace Primitive, New York Albert Bruce Connor, New York, acquired in 2010 Thence by descent

\$3,000 - 4,000 €2,600 - 3,500

YANZI CEREMONIAL KNIFE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

height 11in (28cm)

Provenance

Pace Primitive, New York
Albert Bruce Connor, New York, acquired in 2010
Thence by descent

\$2,000 - 3,000 €1,700 - 2,600

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LUBA FEMALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

height 8 7/8in (23.5cm)

Provenance

European Private Collection

Finely carved in an overall attenuated form, standing on a rounded base with flat feet and delineated toes, the legs separated and slightly bent at the knees, pronounced genitalia and rounded hips, the elongated torso decorated with raised scarifications on the front and back, swelling at the abdomen with protuberant umbilical, long, attenuated arms are bent at the elbows with each hand resting on the breasts, the neck carved with three round discs supporting the spherical head, the coiffure with a sagittal crest, open in the back with a central conical element projecting downwards, the convex face in a meditative expression with coffee-bean eyes, rounded nose and mouth open; fine dark brown patina.

\$8,000 - 12,000 €7,000 - 10,000

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LUBA SHANKADI FEMALE FIGURE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

height 12 1/4in (31cm)

Provenance

Private European Collection Charles M. Miller, III, St. James, New York

Finely carved in hard wood, the figure kneeling on a large rounded base, leaning slightly forward and holding an offering bowl to her front, the body of rounded design with raised scarification on her abdomen; delineated shoulder blades on each side of the indented spinal cavity running down her back; her cylindrical neck balancing the head with her jaw line extended far out directly above the offering bowl, her coiffure extending back with a raised cross-pattern design; black, encrusted patina.

\$5,000 - 7,000 €4,400 - 6,100





CHOKWE MASK, ANGOLA

mwana pwo height 7 1/2in (19cm)

Provenance

European Private Collection

Finely carved from hard wood in diminutive size with large oval slit eyes, linear diminutive nose and open mouth revealing teeth, raised scarifications accenting the cheeks and forehead and pierced around the edges for attachments; smooth, light brown glossy patina.

\$4,000 - 6,000 €3,500 - 5,200



CHOKWE ANTHROPOMORPHIC DRUM, ANGOLA

ngoma height 28 5/8in (72.7cm)

Provenance

Portuguese Private Collection Sotheby's, New York, November 24, 1992, Lot 146 American Private Collection

Drums were used by the orchestra which played at rituals and dances; the powerful, lively and rhythmic music could be heard from afar (Bastin, Marie-Louise, Musical Instruments - Songs and Dances of the Chokwe, "African Music," Vol. 7, No. 2 (1992), p. 26). This handsomely carved example is of inverted conical shape with a small bulge resting on rounded metal fitting at the base; the cylindrical body anthropomorphized with two breasts and decorated with inset metal tacks; an attached hide from domesticated goat stretched across the top for the beating surface, another band wrapped around the body just underneath; a lug on the back for a sling to wear around the performer's waist; rich, medium brown surface with wear to surface indicative of much cultural use.

\$15,000 - 20,000 €13,000 - 17,000



MAKONDE STANDING FEMALE FIGURE, TANZANIA

height 20 3/4in (52.7cm)

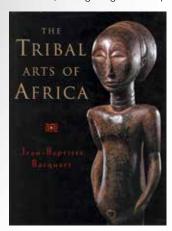
Provenance

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kuhn, Los Angeles Sotheby's, New York, November 20, 1991, Lot 122 Hélène and Philippe Leloup, Paris Private American Collection

Published

Bacquart, Jean-Baptiste, *The Tribal Arts of Africa*, London, Thames & Hudson, 1998, p. 200, no. 6

Stylistically typical of Makonde figural sculpture collected between 1900-1935 (see Yale-Van Rijn Archive no. 0014289), the figure is believed to serve an apotropaic function. Carved in very light wood with overall rounded proportions in an animistic pose with her legs slightly bent at the knees and the arms at her sides, bent at the elbows and with clenched fingers. She gazes slightly right with trance-like, coffee-bean eyes. Her sloping forehead is counterbalanced by heavy jowls; the sharply receding chin juxtaposed with her projecting upper lip caused by a plug; a bamboo plug inserted into her lower narrow lip; a broad nose with sharply defined nostrils intersected with a raised linear scarification that extends down both cheeks; her oversized, rounded ears with plugs around the edges; her body decorated with raised chevron and zigzag scarification on the face, chest and abdomen; fine aged light brown patina.



\$40,000 - 60,000 €35,000 - 52,000

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LARGE COMB, MADAGASCAR

height 12 3/4in (32.3cm)

Provenance

Amyas Naegele, New York American Private Collection

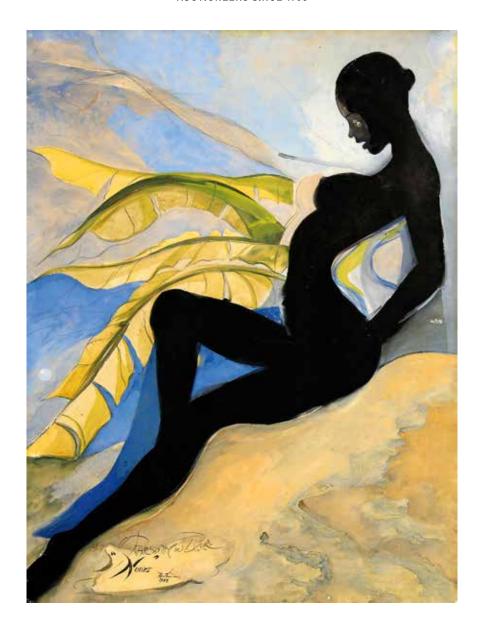
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\$5,000-10,000	by \$500s
\$10,000-20,000	by \$1,000s
\$20,000-50,000	by \$2,000/5,000/8,000s
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