



DESCRIPTION

The kifwebe masquerade is a genre shared by the Luba and Songye, indicative of the interaction that has occurred between the two societies. Kifwebe masks represent either male or female beings. Both mask types are characterized by angular and thrusting forms, and in both cases the entire face is covered in patterns of geometric grooves that are uniquely characteristic of these masks. Female masks, such as this one, are distinguished by the predominant use of white clay and the rounded form of the head crest.

The kifwebe striations relate (apart from the zebra) to a pugnacious species of striped bushbuck antelope which inhabited the area.

DETAILS

- Culture: Songye people
- Geography: Zaire
- Circa: 20th c.
- Size: 12"W x 20"H x 10"D
- Weight: 15lb.
- Materials: Wood, pigment

LIST PRICING

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