



DESCRIPTION

Dating back to 400 BCE, the urban center of Ife holds a significant amount of importance to the Yoruba people of Nigeria. Located in southwestern Nigeria, Ife is known as the "Land of expansion" which stems from the Yoruba belief that is the cradle of life for humanity. This worldview positions Ife as the economic, political, and culture center for the Yoruba

In Ife, art flourished through the forms of bronze, terracotta, and wood. Discovery of the varied form of arts challenged previous European beliefs about the complexity of early African art. Art guilds founded in Ife are considered to be some of the oldest in the known world. Generally created to honor royalty, art served as a tie between the nobility and the Gods they worshipped. Terracotta artists portray nobility with larger heads in order to reflect ase, or inner energy. This pottery has aided in establishing Ife art as an important example of realism in pre-colonial Africa.

DETAILS

- Culture: Yoruba
- Geography: South-Western Nigeria
- Circa: Late 19th - Early 20th Century
- Size: 11"W x 47"H x 11"D
- Weight: Approximately 30LBS
- Materials: Terracotta

LIST PRICING

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