



Face Mask [Egungun]

Date

not dated

Primary Maker

Nigeria, Yoruba people

Medium

wood and paint

Description

Facemasks are fairly unusual in Yoruba art. When they do occur, they are associated with Egungun, the elaborate commemorative celebrations honoring the ancestors and reaffirming social relationships.

Dimensions

Overall: 10 7/8 x 7 7/8 x 4 in. (27.6 x 20 x 10.2 cm)