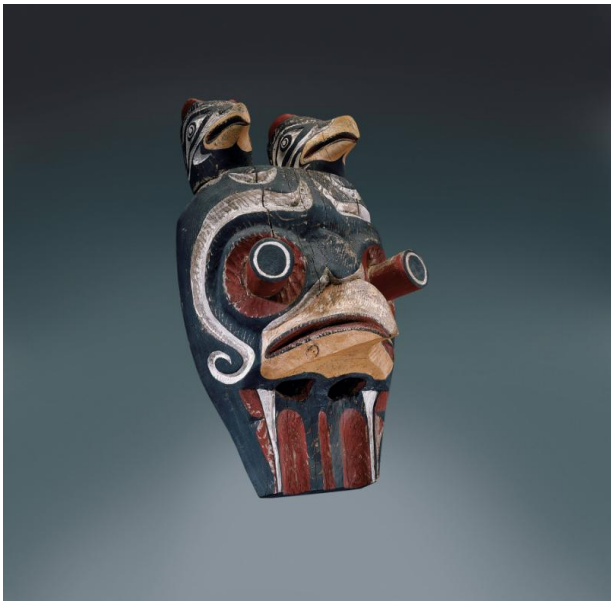




Mask

Date

1870-1900

Primary Maker

Salish

Medium

Red cedar, black, red, white, yellow-orange paint

Description

The S'xwaixwey is the most prominent and well-known mask among the Salish people. Its eyes project on stalks like the eyes of a crab or snail, its nose is the head of a

bird, and the tops of its horns are also birds' heads. The S'xwaixwey mask is danced at potlatches, puberty ceremonies, weddings and funerals.

Dimensions

Overall: 19 1/4 × 11 × 9 1/2 in. (48.9 × 27.9 × 24.1 cm)