

Basic Detail Report



Feast Bowl Fragment

Date

c. 1890

Primary Maker

Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl)

Medium

Wood, pigments

Description

This feast bowl fragment, one side of a central bowl that had attached flanking bowls, originally measured over 14 feet long. It represents the Sisiutl, an especially powerful serpent-like being associated with warriors. The right to use a great Sisiutl feast bowl was inherited through marriage among noble Kwakiutl families. It communicated the owner's rights and privileges as a high ranking member of the community.

Dimensions

Overall: 16 3/4 × 41 in. (42.5 × 104.1 cm)