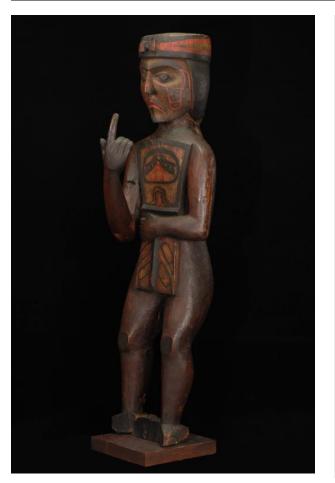
Basic Detail Report



Potlatch Figure

Date 1880-1895

Primary Maker Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl)

Medium Red cedar, paint, iron nails

Description

This representation of an important leader or honored ancestor was prominently displayed at potlatches. These figures affirmed a chief's claims to hunting and fishing rights and his privileges to own prestigious masks and rattles. This figure wears a cedar bark headring, a symbol of chiefly status, and holds a copper, a item of wealth. His upwardly pointing index finger may imply his elevated status.

Dimensions

Overall: $50 \times 13 1/2 \times 15$ in. $(127 \times 34.3 \times 38.1 \text{ cm})$ Overall (Mounted): $50 1/4 \times 18 \times 18$ in. $(127.6 \times 45.7 \times 45.7 \text{ cm})$