Basic Detail Report



Moon Mask

Date

1880-1900

Primary Maker

Heiltsuk (Bella Bella)

Medium

Alder, paint black, red, 2 types of blue pigments (one Rickett's)

Description

The crescent shape of the rim surrounding this mask and the dark blue rounded design elements, suggests the moon and its halo. In one Heiltsuk (Bella Bella) ceremony the moon makes an appearance when it is portrayed moving across the heavens. This mask may have been

used in that way.

Dimensions

Overall: 13 $3/4 \times 12 1/4 \times 6$ in. $(34.9 \times 31.1 \times 15.2 \text{ cm})$