

Basic Detail Report



Mask

Date

c. 1890

Primary Maker

Central Yup'ik

Medium

Yellow cedar, caribou fur, goose feathers, white, red and blue pigments

Description

Windmaker masks have distinctive round mouths with feathered tufts passing through the opening. The feathered tufts are called wind plumes and they illustrate the breath of the spirit. The Thaw mask did not have any indication of feather attachment. McIntyre, however, discovered a hole on each side of the mouth with minute

traces of caribou fur. Consequently, two fine sprays of caribou fur were pegged into place.

Dimensions

Overall: 20 1/2 × 19 × 2 1/4 in. (52.1 × 48.3 × 5.7 cm)