



## Argillite Sailors

### Date

c. 1845

### Primary Maker

Haida

### Medium

Argillite, ivory

### Description

These two sailors have an engaging quality in their whimsical portrayal. The carver paid close attention to their clothing, detailing coats, shoes, shirts, scarves, and hats. Small, thin ivory pieces simulate their fair-skinned faces. Their hair is long and wavy, flowing from cap to collar in 1840s style. In the 1820s, Haida carvers began to use a shale known as argillite to make carvings in

response to visitors seeking souvenirs.

### Dimensions

Overall: 18 1/2 × 7 3/4 × 4 1/2 in. (47 × 19.7 × 11.4 cm)