Basic Detail Report



Mask

Date
c. 1850

Primary Maker
Koniag (Alutiiq)

Medium
Cedar wood, feathers, sinew, red, green, white native pigments

Description
Little is known about this particular mask but, in 1842, a Russian explorer, I.G. Voznesenski, visited Kodiak Island and acquired a similar mask. He reported that the mask, which is now in the Museum of Anthropology, St. Petersburg, was included in a six-act mystery play that he had witnessed. The Koniag used the mask in the role of a "Happy Fellow." It is probable that this mask was associated with such mystery plays.

Dimensions
Overall: 14 × 7 1/4 × 2 1/4 in. (35.6 × 18.4 × 5.7 cm)