



Figure of drummer

Not on display

Title/Description: Figure of drummer

Born: 1900 - 1999

Object Type: Figure

Materials: Wood

Measurements: h. 250 x w. 75 x d. 75 mm

Accession Number: 249

Historic Period: 20th century

Production Place: Africa, Congo, Northern Congo

Cultural Group: Mangbetu

Credit Line: Donated by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1973

This figure of a seated drummer has lost its original base. The elongated ovoid head and coiffure is typical of Mangbetu style, and the large ears sit high up on the side of the head. Facial features show cowrie-shaped eyes and full lips, unfortunately the nose has been damaged. The figure shows square shoulders, with tapering torso and hands resting on the top of the drum, which sits between the figure's legs. The body of the drum is patterned in a basket-weave effect. The figure wears a waisted loin cloth. The wood is a mid-brown colour and displays a high sheen.

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Provenance

Formerly in a private collection in France.

Purchased by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury from Furman Galleries in 1972.

Donated to the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia in 1973 as part of the original gift.
