



Horn with mask

Not on display

Title/Description: Horn with mask

Object Type: Musical instrument

Materials: Elephant ivory

Measurements: h. 510 x w. 50 x d. 125 mm

Accession Number: 743

Historic Period: 20th century

Production Place: Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Cultural Group: Yombe

Credit Line: Purchased with support from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1979

Almost without exception African horns are side-blown: that is, blown from the side with the mouthpiece at the point where the tusk cavity ends. This horn has the mouthpiece on the concave curve of the tusk, which is standard for oliphants from the Congolese culture area. The mask at the tip has the Yombe mitre-like head-dress.

Margaret Carey, 1997

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Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia on the advice of Robert Sainsbury in 1979 out of income from the Sainsbury Purchasing Fund.

