



Drum

Date

1800-1850

Medium

Wood, hide

Description

Asante squeeze drum or 'talking drum'. The drum is held under the arm. Squeezing the cords changes the pitch, producing a range of tone and pitch that imitates spoken language. It was used to send messages over long distances and to announce the titles of dignitaries during ceremonies. It is still used at functions such as weddings today.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 470 x 310 mm