



Object/Work: 500 x 220 x 280 mm

Mask

Date

1800-1850

Medium

Wood, pigment

Description

Mask of a face surmounted with snakes. The face is heart shaped with prominent features in red and blue, and wears a floral earring. One large cobra is surmounted on top with three smaller nearer the face. The cobras' bodies are decorated with red and yellow stripes and their hoods with red, yellow, blue and green scale decoration. The largest cobra has raised eyes surmounted on its head and is baring its jagged teeth. It is thought to represent an "Indian" snake charmer, according to the original label from the 1850s.

Dimensions