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Yoruba Oyo Ibeji Triplets,
master carver Abegunde of Ede
African tribal art prestigious
provenance Nigeria antique
Ibedji

Price

GBP 1,800

| USD \$2,437 | EUR 2,106

Item Reference: SA792302

Date of manufacture: 1930

Dimensions

Height = 27 cm (10.6")

Width = 8 cm (3.1")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

An extraordinary group of Ibeji "triplets" sculpted by the same master sculptor. Ibeji is name of a very specific type of carved wooden figure from Yorubaland in Nigeria. Ibejis represent essentially late (twin or triplet) children, and are treated like actual children. They are carried around, bathed, powdered, given jewellery. Note the trade beads which adorn our figures' waistlines. One of the female figures is also wearing a bracelet. An Ibeji was the first authentic tribal object I acquired in 2002. It's only very recently that I understood why I feel so strongly about these figures: it is the fact that they have been very deeply cared for by their original owners. The sculpture of an Ibeji - headdress, scarifications, shape of eyes - varies from region to region in Yorubaland, and allow the collector to situate the area, or even the town, where the artwork was carved. The three Ibejis presented here come from the town of Ede. In Ede worked the master carver Abegunde who worked in a very distinctive style, and our figures can be attributed to him or his workshop. One of our triplets has a particularly prestigious provenance: it belonged to the American collec...

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