

Early 20th century Sri Lankan carved and painted wood gara raksha mask

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Height: 33 cm (13")

Width: 40 cm (15.7")

Depth: 15 cm (5.9")

Description

Early 20th century Sri Lankan carved and painted wood gara raksha mask, representing the king of the demons.

Sri Lankan Gara Raksha masks, used in traditional exorcism rituals, are vividly painted wooden masks representing protective deities or spirits. Crafted with intricate designs and bold colors, these masks are believed to ward off evil and protect individuals from malevolent forces. They are integral to cultural ceremonies and spiritual practices.

This is one of part of a collection purchased from the estate of a collector of original tribal artefacts.