Basic Detail Report



Dhyangro (Shaman’s Drum)

Date

Mid-20th century

Medium

Wood, ox or bear hide, plastic, nylon twine (inside: metal coin, rudraksha seed or cowrie shell)

Description

Slightly ovoid, double headed, smoked wood frame drum with long, carved handle. The drum heads are lashed on with thick plastic or nylon ties. A green nylon string for hanging is tied to the "bottom" end opposite the handle. The dark hardwood handle has four faces at the point where it attaches to the drum, then a round section carved with interlocking lines, then a head with scrolled snout and fangs, the bottom "chin" area and back carved with interlocking lines. Finally, the handle ends in a three sided point, which is tipped in iron, and each edge of the triangle covered with a different metal. Inside are objects (a metal coin, rudraksha seed bead, seeds or cowrie shells) which rattle which rattle when the drum is moved.

Dimensions

Overall: 26 3/8 x 13 3/8 x 5 7/8 in. (67 x 34 x 15 cm)