

**Sale Name:** 14th Annual Montana Spring Auction

**LOT 196A - Traditional Mexican Dance Mask, c.1950-1970**



### Description

Hand-carved wooden mask with distinctively stylized human face featuring gold leaf eyes with blue centers, exaggerated red cheeks, and carved relief detailing. The mask displays a warm pink-reddish patina with areas of heavier red pigment application and black painted eyebrows and eyelash details.

## Provenance

Collected in Coyumel, Oaxaca, Mexico, according to the handwritten label affixed to the reverse. This style is consistent with ceremonial dance masks from mid-20th century Mexican folk art traditions employed in regional festivals and rituals. The particular facial characteristics and painting technique suggest usage in traditional dance performances such as the Danza de los Viejitos or similar cultural celebrations.

## Condition Notes

Areas of paint loss and wear consistent with age and ceremonial use. Several minor cracks along the surface with visible signs of aging to the wood. Mounting wire attached to reverse for wall display. Small hole at top for suspension during use or storage. Original collection label remains affixed to interior. Refer to the pictures and in person inspection for condition.

## Approximate Dimensions

10 × 8 inches

**Quantity: 1**



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