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LOT 196H - Mid-20th Century African-Style Spears



Description

Hand-forged iron featuring various blade profiles including leaf-shaped and narrow tapered designs. Collection includes four spears with different handle attachments and construction techniques.

This set demonstrates traditional African-inspired metalworking with uniform blade designs and consistent finishing across all examples. The largest example features a broad leaf-shaped blade with central ridge. Two medium examples include distinctive star-shaped reinforcement at the blade junction and brass wire wrapping on one handle. The uniform patina and limited wear suggests these were produced as decorative pieces rather than functional weapons.

The construction shows machine-tooled elements combined with hand-finishing techniques typical of mid-20th century production for export or tourist markets. The consistent socket construction and blade profiles indicate workshop production rather than tribal variation.

Condition Notes: Minimal wear consistent with decorative rather than functional use. Light surface oxidation typical of mid-century metalwork. Small crack visible in largest handle socket. No significant battle damage or field repairs as would be expected in authentic combat weapons. Refer to the pictures and in person inspection for condition.

Approximate Dimensions: Longest example measures 21.5 inches in length

Quantity: 1



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