

Basic Detail Report



Argillite Chief

Date

1899

Medium

argillite, bone

Description

argillite carvin of a great Haida Chief, wearing a knee length cape which is incised with face of a bear at the back. on sides are hand motifs. in front he wears a fringed apron. hem u shaped in front. above fringe a bear facce is incised. around his neck he wears a cord (probably would have been cedar) which ties at his shoulder into a knot and fringe. on his forehead is a headpiece with a wolf carvin on the front, 8 inlaid abalone squares on either side. headdress topped with sea lion whiskers to which eagle down is glued. ermine skins fall down his back, represented in low relief carving and incising. he at one time possibly held an ivory rattle in his hand of which onl a stub in his hand remains. his legs have been sawed off at the angles and were pegged to a grey soapstone stand with feet carved into them. the stand could possibly have been carved to replace the original. they should remain separate pieces a) and b) because his legs are too fragile after the repairs to support his weight.

Dimensions

Other: 34.5 × 9.5 cm (13 9/16 × 3 3/4 in.)