



Edan Female Figure

Date

late 19th or possibly early 20th century

Primary Maker

Unidentified artist

Medium

Bronze with clay core, possible iron inclusion

Description

Female figure kneeling with arms clasped in front, holding a dish, with a thin rod (pipe?) attached at chin. One of a pair of kneeling figures, one male, one female. Associated with the Ogboni secret society. (Note: the name Onile with which the figures arrived refers to the Spirit of the Earth, a crucial figure in the rites and traditions of the Ogboni Society. Onile is represented as a single female figure but not as a pair.).

Dimensions

approx.: 11 5/8 x 4 3/4 x 5 3/8 in. (29.5 x 12.1 x 13.7 cm)