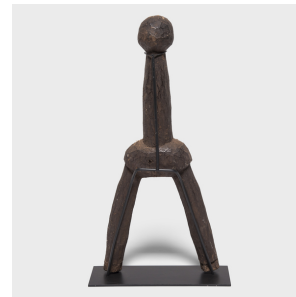

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DAGARI ANCESTRAL FIGURE

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c. 1900 • Ghana • Wood, Steel, Natural Material • Collection #CAA637

W: 13.5" D: 5.0" H: 25.0"

For the Dagari people of Burkina Faso and Ghana, this highly stylized figure embodied the living spirit of a deceased ancestor. Tucked away from view in a secret alcove or shrine, the figure was used in sacred divination rituals and only seen by a select few. Bits of thread and layered material encrust the surface, evidence of the ritual offerings that were applied to the figure to elicit its protective powers. Hand-carved from wood, the figure assumes a traditional reversed “y” shape, minimally articulated save for its pursed lips and pointed chin. Continued...



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We love the austere beauty of its sculptural form as well as the intimate connection between body and spirit that it represents.

