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YORUBA OMO BELL

\$1,880

c. 1900 • Nigeria • Steel, Metal • Collection #CAA0798

W: 3.25" D: 3.25" H: 9.5"

This four-sided brass face bell, known as omo, was created by an artisan of the Ijebu Yoruba people of Southern Nigeria. A mark of the wearer's rank and power, the bell would have been displayed by a prominent chief, worn at the left hip by a long sash draped over the right shoulder. The stylized eyes and nose on this face bell represent the chief's innate wisdom and ability to perceive the human condition, expressions of the chief's inner authority. Elevated on a custom steel stand, the bell's acoustical curves and rich patina now offer a unique sculptural presence.



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