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sculpture CD2004-1194 D2004-16617

Artifact Number 88-216
Current Cultural Affiliations Tanzanian
All Affiliations Tanzanian

Category 08: communication artifacts

Sub-category H040: art

Place of Origin Country - no entry
Place of Use Country - no entry

Measurements Height 6.0 cm, Length 39.0 cm, Width 13.5 cm

Caption

Additional Information

Multimedia



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ornament CD2003-0645 S2002-4167

1999.63.3 **Artifact Number Current Cultural Affiliations** Cambodian Cambodian **All Affiliations**

Category 08: communication artifacts

Sub-category H040: art

Country - Canada, Province - Ontario **Place of Origin** Place of Use Country - Canada, Province - Ontario

Length 83.0 cm, Width 21.0 cm, Depth 21.0 cm Measurements

1985 **Date of Manufacture Earliest Possible Date** 1985 1985 **Latest Possible Date**

Caption

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vase CD94-684 S89-1719

Artifact Number 80-441.1-3
Current Cultural Affiliations Chinese
All Affiliations Chinese

Category 02: furnishings

Sub-category B080: household accessory

Place of Origin Country - China
Place of Use Country - no entry

Measurements Height 14.5 cm, Length 7.0 cm, Width 4.5 cm

Earliest Possible Date 1900/01/01 C **Latest Possible Date** 1910/12/31 C

Caption Ping (Vase), early 1900s China Chinese Vase (Ping)

Additional Information

In traditional China every individual, however rich or poor, was entitled to be honoured on three occasions: birth, death and marriage. Among Chinese-Canadians marriage is similarly honoured, but the circumstances and ceremonies surrounding it now blend Chinese tradition with Western symbolism. Matchmakers and fortune-tellers are no longer consulted; Canadian born Chinese choose their spouses themselves, though some continue to avoid marrying persons of the same surname. Weddings are now usually conducted in a church, followed by a reception at home and a banquet in a restaurant. Newlyweds maintain the tradition of offering tea to parents and relatives, but the old custom of kowtowing to elders and worshipping heaven and earth and the ancestors has waned. Some traditional wedding gifts are chop-sticks, dates and lotus seeds, all symbolizing the wish that the couple have many children. Another ideal gift would be a jade vase, whose name ping is a homophone for peace and stability. The vase pictured here has handles shaped like ling zhi, a fungus that is the emblem of immortality. The handles of the vase are shaped like the Chinese alphabet character for immortality. In Chinese, this type of vase is called ping, which sounds identical to the word meaning peace and stability. It is a popular wedding present.

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