

Finch & C^o



NORTH WEST COAST HAIDA CEREMONIAL FEAST SPOON

A NORTH WEST COAST HAIDA CEREMONIAL FEAST SPOON CARVED OF MOUNTAIN GOAT HORN THE BOWL RIVETED WITH COPPER PINS TO THE HANDLE DECORATED WITH MYTHICAL BEASTS

CIRCA 1850 - 60

SIZE: 27CM LONG - 10¾ INS LONG

LITERATURE

HAIDA FEAST SPOONS DISPLAY A CARVED MINIATURE VERSION OF THE SAME FAMILY CRESTS THAT ARE FOUND ON THE TOTEM POLE IN FRONT OF THE OWNER'S HOUSE. THEY WERE USED TO TRANSFER FOOD FROM SERVING CONTAINERS TO DISHES AND TO EAT WITH. INDIVIDUAL HORN SPOONS WERE THE MOST ELABORATELY DECORATED ITEMS AT A FEAST, THE BLACK MOUNTAIN GOAT HORN PROVIDING A FIELD FOR ARTISTIC DISPLAY SECOND ONLY TO THAT OF TOTEM POLES. DISHES, BOWLS, TRAYS, LADLES AND SPOONS IN A VARIETY OF SHAPES AND SIZES WERE PART OF THE EXPECTED SETTINGS FOR A HAIDA FEAST, AND THOSE THAT WERE PARTICULARLY WELL DESIGNED DREW MUCH COMMENT FROM THE GUESTS.