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## Fiera Bergamo Via Lunga, Bergamo **Stand n. 9**

Padiglione A

## January 12 – 20, 2019



## Fang, Mabea

#### 124Y

Ancient bust of a female ancestor **eyema-byeri**.

Second half of the 19th century, around 1890.

H. cm. 26,8

Museum Umlauff, Hamburg (1869-1943). German collection around 1910. Galerie Alex Vömel di Düsseldorf, 1965. Ernst and Ruth Anspach collection since 1967 (Congo ?). Allan Stone collection (Northern Luba). Galerie Patrik Fröhlich, Zurich, since 2014.

Exhibitions:

Museum of Primitive Art, New York, in "African Tribal Sculpture from the collection of Ruth and Ernst Anspach", 1968. Page 22 of the catalog.







## Yaure

#### 133Y

**Je**, very old mask with totemic bird.

H. cm. 42

*Old French collection. German private collection. Olivier Castellano, Paris.* 





## Kongo, Yombe

#### 108Y

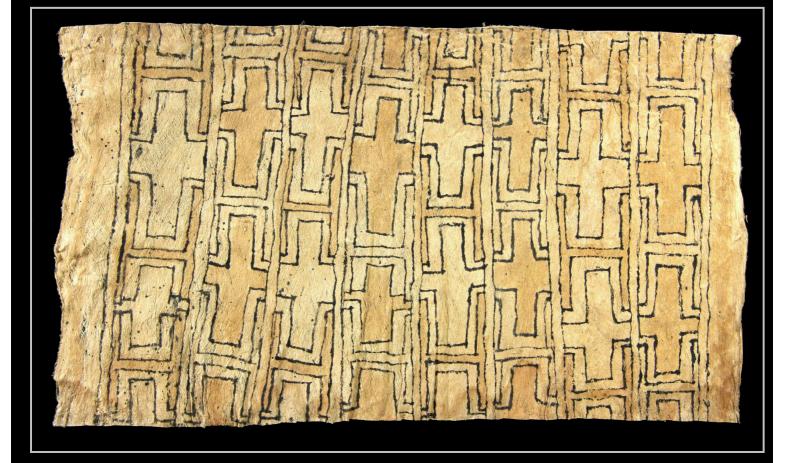
**Phemba**, exceptional maternity figure with the dead child.

Late 19th / early 20th century.

H. cm. 25,5

*Collected by a Belgian colonial couple between the 1940's and early 1950's. Pierre Dartevelle Collection, Brussels.* 





## Dorey Bay, Cenderawash Bay (Geelvink)

#### 161N/A

Fragment of ritual tapa.

Cm. 56 x 32

*Old Dutch collection, collected in 1946. Els Verheij collection, Amsterdam.* 

Exhibited: TEFAF Maastricht, 2002





#### Baule

106V

Very important Gbekre monkey.

H. cm. 58

Charles Ratton (1895-1986), Paris. Mamadou Keita, Amsterdam. Dirck Uythof, Delft. Prof. Rudolf Leopold (1925 –2010), Leopold Museum in Vienna. Pierre Dartevelle, Brussels.







#### Bamana

123Y

Ciwara, Bougouni style.

H. cm. 42

*Old French collection. Olivier Castellano, Paris.* 





#### Tiv

119Y

**Inhambe** female figure. Probably the oldest known.

Second half of 18th / early 19th century. Radiocarbon C14.

H. cm. 75,5

*Old French collection. Yves Créhalet collection, Paris.* 

Published in « Treize charmes d'Afrique » by Yves Créhalet with the poems by Pierre Amrouche and photos by Luc Berthier, Editions Présence Africaine, Paris, 2012.







### Senufo

128Y

Superb female statuette from the Sikasso Region. *"Atelier of the cut faces"* (Beppe Berna).

Late 19th / early 20th century.

H. cm. 37,5

Parisian collection by legacy from a collection of the 60's. Olivier Castellano, Paris.





### Yoruba

#### 132Y

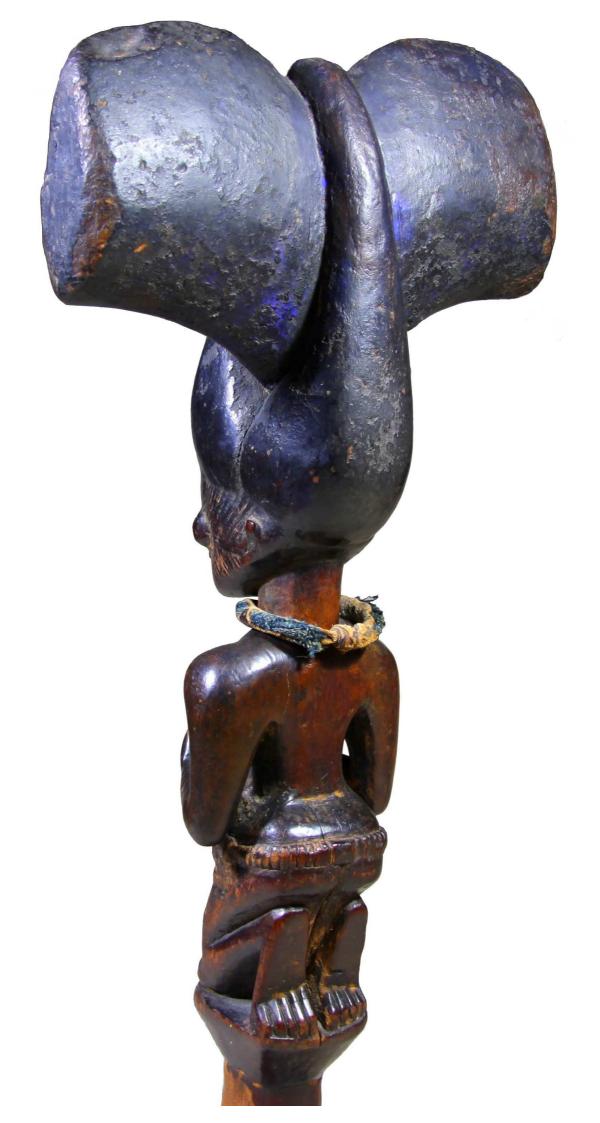
Extraordinary **oshe shango**, emblem of dance.

H. cm. 47

*Old American collection. Private French collection. Olivier Castellano, Paris.* 







#### Mumuye

120Y

Superb figure, probably feminine, from the *Master "Nyavo-Father" of Pantisawa* (Beppe Berna).

H. cm. 71,8

American private collections.





## Kambari, Dogon

#### 127Y

Exceptional and very rare example of the **kambari** style.

Less than a dozen known specimens.

19th century.

H. cm. 26,3

*Old private collection, Paris. Italian private collections.* 







## Baule

#### 122B

Extremely rare weaving spool with animal head (beech marten?).

H. cm. 14,8

Former Procureur Général Liotard collection, France (1960's). Galerie Valluet - Ferrandin, Paris.



#### Mbala

#### 134Y

**Pindi**, extraordinary female figure.

Late 19th / early 20th century.

H. cm. 29,4

*Old German collection. Yann Ferrandin, Paris.* 









# Baulé

## 131Y

Very rare female figure **blolo bla**, the bride of the afterlife. Baulé people integrated into *the lagoon complex.* 

Late 19th / early 20th century.

H. cm. 31,5

Old French colonial collection (Lyon) established between the 1930's and 1950's. Olivier Castellano, Paris.







## Dayak, Pasir

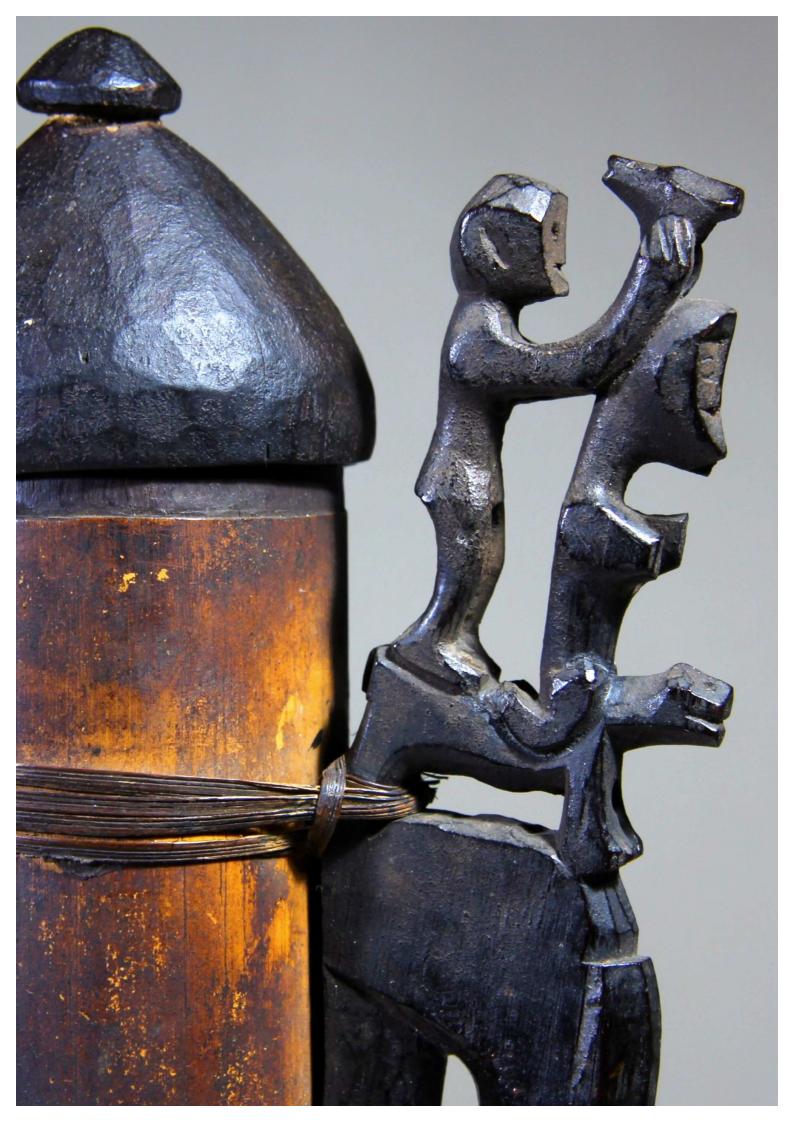
#### 128P

Very rare **Tolor**, container for blowgun darts.

H. cm. 40,7

Angelo Attilio Attili, Parma. Denise and Beppe Berna, Bologna, from the late 1980's.





## Senufo

### 129Y

Superb female statuette of the *Master of the woman in the Barbier-Mueller* (Beppe Berna).

Late 19th / early 20th century.

H. cm. 34,5

*Old American collection. Olivier Castellano, Paris.* 





# Dogon, **Bombou-Toro** Yayi, canton de Sangha 136Y **Exceptional sculpture** depicting the **nommo**. 18th century or before. H. cm. 38

Reginald Groux, Paris, 2003. Private French collection. Olivier Castellano, Paris. Private collection, Paris.





## Senufo

## 135Y

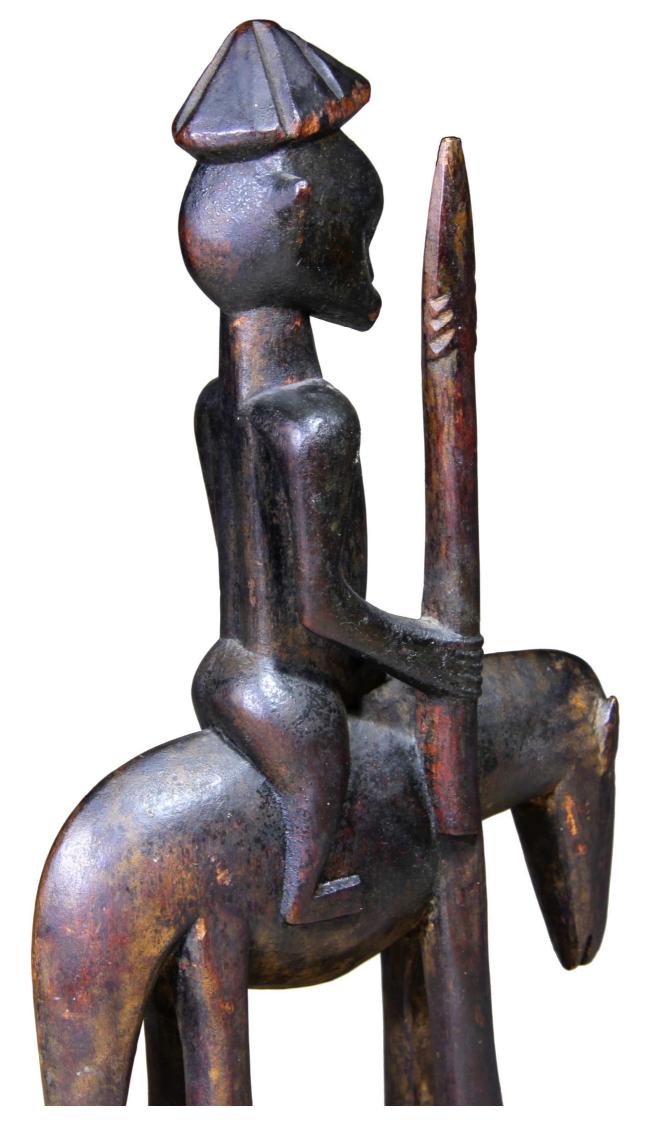
Very old rider sculpture evoking **syonfolo**. Used for divination practices.

Late 19th century.

H. cm. 42

Jean Descamps, circa 1910, diplomat. Christine Lasserre Collection. Didier Claes, Brussels. Alain de Monbrison, Paris.







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