



Tripod Cylinder Vessel

Date

ca. 600-900

Primary Maker

Maya (archaeological culture)

Medium

pottery and paint

Description

Tall tripod vases such as this one were often made to hold liquid offerings placed in the tomb or burial of a wealthy person. This vase is decorated with painted images of rulers dressed in an elaborate feather headdress. The top and bottom borders contain large bats with supernatural characteristics, perhaps an indication that the individuals are inside a cave or the Underworld. The colors of this

vase indicate it fits within the Uluu-Yojoo polychrome tradition.

Dimensions

Overall: 8 3/8 x 6 5/8 in. (21.3 x 16.8 cm)