



Mushroom Stone

Date

ca. 300 BCE-200 CE

Primary Maker

Maya (archaeological culture)

Medium

stone

Description

The "mushroom" stone traces its origins to the Maya shaman. Hallucinogenic mushrooms and other substances were used to induce a trance from which visions guided the shaman to heal or direct his people. The carved face on this example is unusual.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 5/8 x 6 3/8 x 7 1/8 in. (29.5 x 16.2 x 18.1 cm)