

Pendant figure

Not on display

Title/Description: Pendant figure

Object Type: Pendant

Materials: Bone

Measurements: h. 67 mm

Accession Number: 932b

Historic Period: 16th/17th century

Production Place: Eastern Great Lakes, North America, The Americas, USA

Cultural Group: Iroquois

Credit Line: Purchased with support from the Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Art Trust, 1986

This rare pendant is pierced through the neck, has no provenance, but is comparable to antler figurines which were excavated from Dutch Hollow, a Seneca site in northwest New York State, dating to about ad 1600 (Mason, 1981:381). The Seneca were the westernmost of the Iroquois confederation, living to the south of Lake Ontario. The distinctive arm position of this figure can also be found on a pendant from Ontario (Boyle, 1895: fig. 206).

Steven Hooper, 1997

Entry taken from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection, Vol. 2: Pacific, African and Native North
American Art, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997) p. 295.

Provenance

Formerly in the collection of James Hooper and John Hauberg.

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from George Terasaki, New York, on the advice of Robert Sainsbury in 1986 out of funds provided by the Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Art Trust.