

Basic Detail Report



Plate

Date

ca. 600-900

Primary Maker

Maya (archaeological culture)

Medium

pottery and paint

Description

Large plates such as this one were made to hold tamales and other sacred foods for feasts and funerary offerings.

The image on this plate of a masked man wearing a full

jaguar pelt and carrying a staff or spear suggests a ruler or court dancer in full, high-status regalia. The loose lines of the figural art on this piece are characteristic of polychrome pottery from Campeche.

Dimensions

Overall: 3 1/2 x 15 3/8 in. (8.9 x 39.1 cm)