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JONGA GONG CURRENCY

\$680

c. 1900 • Democratic Republic of Congo • Metal • Collection #CAA0262

W: 7.75" D: 5.75" H: 27.5"

Like many pieces of traditional African metalwork, this gong served multiple purposes in the tribe. It was a ceremonial instrument, a status symbol, and a piece of currency. Using a rubber coated stick, members of the tribal elite would beat these gongs in religious ceremonies. Outside of those ceremonies, the instruments marked their wealth and power. The acoustical curves now offer a sculptural presence, elevated on a custom steel stand.



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