

Sculpture

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Soapstone sculpture of an Inuk carrying or lifting something with his left hand.

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Artiste / Auteur Qumaluk, Leah

Period 20th century

Materials stone, soapstone

Measurements 15 x 10,09 x 4,5 cm

Historical context

Soapstone sculpture of an Inuk carrying an object touching the ground with his left hand. The elongated shape is imprecise, although it suggests a water bucket or a game bag. As for the qulittaq (parka) with its pointed hood, it is short and ends straight at the top of the thighs, giving the hunter greater freedom of movement. This wavy-haired figure, unusual among Inuit, has an oversized head set between his shoulders. This sculpture is remarkable for its treatment of this expressive face, whose surface has been scraped to create a rougher, whitish texture contrasting with the darker hair and clothing surrounding it.

This work, signed Leah, is attributed to the renowned printmaker Leah Qumaluk (1934-2010) of Puvirnituk, Nunavik.

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