

Basic Detail Report



End-blown flute

Date

1885-1915 ca.

Primary Maker

Sioux People

Description

End-blown with external duct. Catlinite pipestone, including mouthpiece and saddle. Rawhide binding thong. Geometric lead inlay. Six fingerholes. Integral conical mouthpiece. Saddle carved as stylized dog. Catlinite pipestone is named after the famed 19th-century American painter, George Catlin, who is also known for his work preserving Native American tradition and culture. The quarry from which this material was mined is located in southwestern Minnesota in a site of historical significance to the indigenous people of the area. The flute was a gift to the NMM from the Estate of Bessie Pettigrew (1881-1978), the daughter of South Dakota homesteader F. W. Pettigrew (1850-1901) and niece of United States Senator Richard F. Pettigrew (1848-1926).

Dimensions

overall length: 503 mm (19.8 in) width: 27 mm (1.06 in) length of mouthpiece: 15 mm (0.6 in) mouthpiece bore: 7 mm (0.28 in) length of exposed air hole: 18 mm (0.71 in) width of exposed air hole: 8 mm (0.32 in) shaft diameter (below air stop): 16.4 mm (0.65 in)