

Tribal masterpieces exhibited in Toledo

"Expressions of Belief," an exhibition of tribal masterpieces of African, Oceanic and Indonesian art, continues at the Toledo Museum of Art through May 14.

This exhibition of more than 100 works is from the Museum voor Volkenkunde Rotterdam and was organized by the Tribal Art Centre in Basel, Switzerland. This is its first stop on the U.S. tour and the first time the exhibition has been shown outside the Netherlands. An extensive catalogue with 107 color illustrations is available at the museum store.

In the African section there are nine nkisi figures from the Lower Congo River area. The largest is a six-foot-tall mask; others are studded with nails or shells to ward off evil or cure illness.

Many are designed to embody special powers. White is symbolic of clairvoyance and mystical vision as well as the presence of ancestral spirits. Red stands for danger, blood and power, and black is a sign of evil.

The Museum voor Volkenkunde



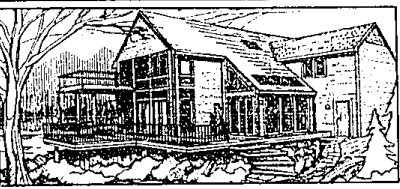
Drinking vessel, wood, is from Zaire, Suku, Bandundu.

was found in 1895 to house rare folk and tribal art collected during Dutch explorations. Donations came from many sources — missionaries, seamen, private individuals and diplomats.

The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 419 255-8000.

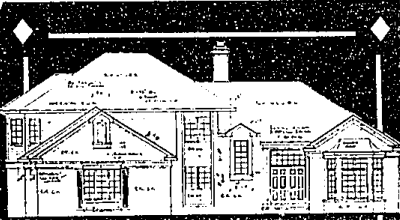


Dance mask is from Gabon, Punu-Lumbo, the Ngonle region.



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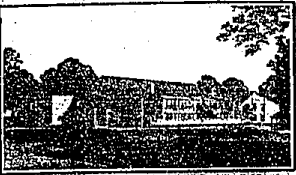
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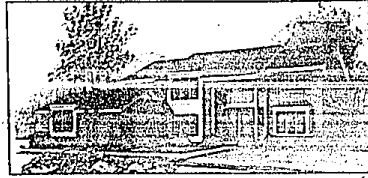
Piano recital planned

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from Oberlin Conservatory and a master's in music from University of Michigan, 1989. He is a Troy resident, has a private studio and teaching practice and performs jazz as well as classical music. The recital is free and open to the public.

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