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HAND PAINTED BARBERSHOP SIGN "THE BOYS"

\$880

1990 • West Africa • Pigment, Wood • Collection #CAA0465

W: 35.0" D: 0.25" H: 36.0"

Swinging from trees or mounted to buildings, barbershop signs are fascinating examples of pop and folk art in Africa. Each sign takes on the unique personality of its owner, expressing both their hairdressing options, and the popular icons they emulate. Hand-painted on particle board, this example features American R&B quartet The Boys. The four Abdulsamad brothers leaped to prominence with three number one singles in the mid to late-eighties. Like many boy bands of the late 20th century, their fanatical following made them icons of cool.



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