

Kupe Keepsakes

Māori

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The ancestral and the celestial atua / gods have been invoked and a blessing ordained to ensure the sacred relationships around the taonga keepsake are nurtured and maintained.

Artist: Toi-Te-Rangiuiaia (Paora) (Note the keepsake is made of light copper alloy)



Pasifika

The Pasifika taonga keepsake is a stylised waka / vaka / va'a with carved imagery of the Polynesian navigator Kupe's journey across the Pacific ocean interlaced with plant sinew sinnet.

The ancestral and the celestial atua / gods have been invoked and a blessing ordained to ensure the sacred relationships around the keepsake are nurtured and maintained.

Artist: Ioane Ioane (Note: the actual keepsake is black and made of cast aluminium and weighs approximately 1.5 to 2 kgs)

