



DOUGLAS REYNOLDS GALLERY



**JAY SIMEON
MOUSE WOMAN BELT BUCKLE**

\$700 CAD

Width	3"
Height	2"
Depth	1"
Medium	Sterling Silver

Mouse Woman is known throughout the Northwest Coast under different names, and is sometimes represented in the art of Bill Reid and Robert Davidson in a very abstracted manner, as so little is known about her. Mouse Woman appears rarely in historical Haida art, and when she is depicted, it is usually in combination with other figures, like on the handle of a goat horn spoon.

Mouse Woman is one of the oldest figures in Haida mythology for Raven has always existed and yet Mouse Woman is Raven's grandmother. She is considered to be the advisor of those who have crossed, or are about to cross, the surface of the world, or travel into unknown terrain. For example, it was Mouse Woman who taught Bear Mother how to protect herself with copper when she went to the village of the bears.