

Vajrabhairava dharmapala

Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.: **67.27.1** 

Type: **sculpture; metalwork; statuette**

Date of production: 17th and 18th centuries

Place of production: **Mongolia**

Materials: **bronze**

Techniques: **gilt**

Dimensions: 27 cm

Vaijrabhairava dharmapala, the Gurdian of the Buddhist Doctrine and the Defender of the Faith with Fear-inspiring vajra stands in stepping out position with his eight pairs of legs. He has a buffalo head and six arms. Bracelets adorn his arms, ankles, ornaments hangs from his hip, and eight-spoked prayer wheels decorate his chest and back. Only his two main hands have survived with his main attributes. Above his shoulders also have two small heads and between his horns are three small skulls, and a larger human head above them, and a smaller Manjusri head on top. On its backside six small angry heads are depicted too. All the heads surrounded by flames and all foreheads have third eye. Vaijrabhairava embraces his consort in yab yum position, to whom only two legs have remained intact, whilst her entire upper body is missing. The statue is a fragment, Vajrabhairava four arms, the second head's skull diadem, the skull of the small head and the throne are all missing.

