

Door guardian (dwarapala)

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: **9788** 

Type: **sculpture; stone carving**

Date of production: **10 – 13th century**

Place of production: **Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia**

Materials/Technique
s: **sandstone, carved**

Dimensions: **height: 49 cm
width: 28 cm
depth: 24 cm**

In front of temples or gates, two bulging-eyed figures of demons (rakshasa) holding a mace were usually placed to help ward off evil forces.

Under his headband, the scary-faced figure wears a long, meticulously carved head of hair curled into coils, skull-shaped earrings, a moustache and an angry eyebrow, which shows traces of the original (black) painting.

