


# 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/Techniques:	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.

