

Burmese harp

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	52.136.1 
Type:	musical instruments; lacquers
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Myanmar (Burma), Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	wood, lacquer, leather, multi-coloured glass and mirror inlay, metal strings
Dimensions:	height: 34.7cm width: 40.5 cm

Burmese arched harp (saung-gauk). A boat-shaped string instrument, a national treasure and a defining element of traditional Burmese culture. This object, which is smaller than usual, was decorated with a bird's head by its maker.

