

# Shaka Nyorai – The Historical Buddha

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.: **5610.1-2** 

Type: **lacquers**

Date of production: 12th century  
Heian period

Place of production: **Japan**

Materials/Technique  
s: **wood, compiled from several pieces, lacquered and gilded**

Dimensions: height: 53.5 cm  
width: 44 cm  
depth: 41 cm  
with base: 72 cm

Acquisition: collected by Péter Vay

Shaka nyorai (Sanskrit: Sakyamuni), the Historical Buddha is depicted sitting in the lotus position (Japanese: kekkafuza), with his feet resting on his thighs. The body of this dignified, seated figure is swathed in a monk's robe, which opens at the chest to reveal an undergarment tied above the waist. Around his neck are three beauty folds. The head was adorned with a circular halo at one time.

