

Kinnara

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	51.71.1 
Type:	sculpture; bronze, lead, gold and silver; statuette
Date of production:	16 – 18th century (?)
Place of production:	Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	bronze
Dimensions:	height: 11 cm width: 6.2 cm depth: 4.5 cm

A bronze celestial musician/dancer kinnara (half man, half bird) holding an instrument, a vina. Suspendable. In Hindu and Buddhist mythology, the female counterpart of the kinnara is the kinnari, the two being the eternal lovers. Their paired figure often guards the wish-granting Kalpataru tree (see Candi Pawon, Borobudur, Java).



