

Kris hilt

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: bronze, lead, gold and silver; religious or cult object; metalwork

Date of production: 18th century

Place of production: Java or Bali, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Techniques: silver, hammered, engraved

Dimensions: height: 7.4 cm
diameter: 2 cm

Hammered from silver plate, this traditional kris (Indonesian: keris) handle depicts a typical Balinese demon figure. For the Indonesians, the kris is much more than a simple weapon, it is a spectacular and effective expression of Javanese spirituality, a bearer of spiritual power, a symbol of heroism and a status symbol.

