

Head of the Buddha

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: 9809 

Type: sculpture; bronze, lead, gold and silver; metalwork; fragment

Date of production: 17th century

Place of production: Thailand (Siam), Southeast Asia

Materials/Techniques: bronze

Dimensions: height: 14 cm
width: 8 cm
depth: 9 cm

A bronze Buddha head with traditional beauty features of the Buddha (parrot-beak nose, hair curled into snails, cranial protuberance suggesting enlightenment...) and stylistic elements of the Ayuthaya school of Thailand. These include the high arching eyebrows, which fall straight into the tip of the nasal bone, and the harmonious proportions of the facial features, which create a sense of unearthly beauty in the observer.

