

Hotei, the Lucky God is Carrying Children atop his Sack

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.: 1367 

Type: painting

Artist/Maker: Hokusai Katsushika

Date of production: 1847
Edo (Tokugawa) period

Place of production: Japan

Signed: Signed: hachijūhachi rō Manji hitsu (painted by the 88 years old man, Manji)

Materials/Technique
s: paper, ink, colours

Dimensions: height: 62 cm
width: 56 cm

Acquisition: collected by Péter Vay

Hotei, who is known as the “bag carrier” (布袋), pulls behind him an enormous sack in which three children are sitting. Besides the children, the bag contains a fan, a fly swatter, and a two-headed handheld drum. Depictions of Hotei playing with children became commonplace in the Edo period.

