

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.

