

## Dancing skeletons / Cartoon of death

## Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.: 1817 

Type: painting; hanging scroll

Artist/Maker: Ryucho

Date of production: 1893  
Meiji era

Place of production: Japan

Marks: three red stamps

Materials/Technique ink and pale colours on silk

Dimensions: height: 153 cm  
width: 45.3 cm  
mirror: 89.5 x 32.4 cm

Acquisition: collected by Péter Vay

The painting shows six dancing skeletons, moving from right to left across the scroll. Each skeleton is surrounded by a pale tint. Some of them stoop very low, bending forwards, and most have their arms raised. In the upper left-hand corner of the scroll is a lengthy inscription: a four-line verse with a date, as well as three red stamps.

