

Traditional New Year picture - Boys on buffalo flying a kite (Vietnames: Chǎn trâu thổi sáo)

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: print; woodblock print

Date of production: between 1950 and 1960

Place of production: Bắc Ninh province, Đông Hồ village, Vietnam, Southeast Asia

Materials/Technique
s: paper, coloured woodblock print

Dimensions: height: 25 cm
width: 35 cm

The engraving, made in the Đông Hồ workshop in Vietnam, shows boys on water buffaloes flying kites. Others pass them on foot, one of them following the flying kite with his eyes. The buffaloes turn towards each other.

The buffalo is an animal of great importance in Vietnamese agriculture, and the scene of a boy on a buffalo's back playing the flute is one of the most popular depictions of the buffalo in Vietnam.

