

Wayang statue

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: puppetry and shadow play; statuette; carving

Date of production: 20th century

Place of production: West Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Techniques: wood, carved, painted

Dimensions: height: 34 cm
width: 13 cm

It is a wooden sculpture of a Javanese hero, carved in the Wayang style, but in this case painted in a very exaggerated way. The bright colour of the face shows a positive character, while the bulging eyes suggest violence, which is one of the iconographic characteristics of the Pan-Dawa hero Bima, for example. On his lower body, he wears a distinguished hip wrap (dodot) with a pattern that is difficult to recognise. Presumably made as a souvenir for tourists.

