

Wayang statue

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: **85.97.1** 

Type: **puppetry and shadow play; statuette; carving**

Date of production: **20th century**

Place of production: **West Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia**

Materials/Technique
s: **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.

