

Portrait of a Padaung woman

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: painting

Date of production: 1958

Place of production: Myanmar (Burma), Southeast Asia

Signed: Tin Shwe?

Marks: '58

Materials/Technique paper, watercolour

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Dimensions: height: 62.5 cm
width: 50 cm

A distinctive piece of costume worn by women of the Padaung (also known as Kayan Lawi) tribe is this spectacular necklace of brass rings, which over the years can cause a significant deformation of the wearer's neck. The Myanmar artist depicts her model in the splendour of her folk costume, the tones chosen further enhancing the inner harmony radiating from the person she portrays.

