

Damaru, two-headed ritual hand drum

Mongolian Collection

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Type: **musical instruments; religious/ritual equipment**

Date of production: 19th century

Place of production: **Mongolia**

Materials: **leather; wood**

Dimensions: height: 8 cm
diameter:10 cm

The damaru was originally a double-sided percussion instrument made of human skull and covered with leather, which was used in funeral ceremonies. This drum is made of two hemispherical pieces of dark brown wood with a green dyed leather covering which is torn. A red silk ribbon is tied to the middle of the drum body, to which the drum sticks are attached. The embroidered bands usually attached to the ribbon are missing.

