

# Varahi, the boar-headed goddess

India / South Asia Collection

Accession Nr.: **6651** 

Type: **relief**

Date of production: 4th-5th c.  
Mathura art

Place of production: **India**

Materials: **red sandstone**

Techniques: **carved**

Dimensions: height: 12 cm  
width: 9.5 cm  
depth: 7 cm  
1.23 kg

Acquisition: donation of Imre Schwaiger

Fragment of a Gupta-era relief made of the characteristic yellow-spotted red sandstone of Mathura art. Varahi, i.e. boar-headed goddess, is the female counterpart of god Vishnu's boar manifestation (avatara), Varaha. Varahi belongs to the group of seven mother-goddesses, the Saptamatrikas, of which the present architectural fragment was probably a part.

