


Varahi, the boar-headed goddess

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| 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.

