

Manjushri bodhisattva, the God of Transcendent Wisdom

Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.:	79.43.1 
Type:	sculpture; metalwork; statuette
Artist/Maker:	Zanabazar Gombodorj
Date of production:	17th-18th centuries
Place of production:	Mongolia
Materials:	bronze
Techniques:	gilt; lost-wax casting
Dimensions:	weight: 1.62 kg height: 20.5 cm width: 15.5 cm depth: 10 cm

Manjusri (Skr.: Mañjuśrī, Tib.: 'jam dpal, Mong.: Zuulun Egshigt) the Bodhisattva of Transcendent Wisdom holds a lotus flower and a sword that cuts the ignorance. He wears princely attire and is adorned with jewels typical of bodhisattvas. He is seated in vajra position on triangular, bulging lotus throne that is divided into five parts. Upcurling lotus petals and engraving decorate the throne.

This masterpiece was crafted either by Zanabazar or by his student in accordance with his School.

