

Yama and Yami

Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.: 74.21.1-3 

Type: metalwork; statuette

Date of production: 18th-19th century

Place of production: Mongolia

Materials: bronze

Techniques: painted

Dimensions: height: 18.6 cm

Yama Dharmapála, the Lord of Death is usually portrayed with a buffalo head and a Dharma wheel on his chest. He stands stepping out position on a bull lying on a female figure. This figure features the typical attributes of the warthful deities. His eyes are bloodshot, teeth are snarling. A five-folded skull diadem adorns his forehead which has a third eye. His red hair is in flame. Holding a stick ending in a skull in his right hand raised to the side and his raised up left hand forms a threatening gesture. A beaded necklace with a merging snakes garland of fresh human heads, and other ornaments decorate his naked body. His sister, Yami turns toward Yama. She raises a skull cup in her left hand, and her right hand also is in a threatening gesture. The special feature of this statue is the multicolour painting, which worn out many spots. The parts of the sculpture are attached to each other by dry tapping.

