

# Karna

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: **66.45.1** 

Type: **puppetry and shadow play; carving**

Date of production: second part of the 19th – early 20th century

Place of production: **West Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia**

Materials/Technique  
s: **carved, painted wood, batik textile**

Dimensions: height: 74 cm

Warrior, one of the main characters in the Mahabharata. The child of Kunti and Surya the Sun God, half-brother of the Pandawas. He is an excellent archer, a brave soldier, but his parentage (raised as the son of a charioteer) makes him extremely easy to offend in his vanity. He fights on the side of the Kurawas, is a friend of Suyudana who gave Karna the kingdom of Awangga.

Wayang golek purwa puppet from Ernő Zboray's collection. The rod puppet was repainted at the end of the 1920s.

