

Snake arrow; puppet

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: 67.63.1 

Type: puppetry and shadow play

Date of production: second half of the 19th century

Place of production: West Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Techniques: painted leather, wood

Dimensions: height: 7 cm
height with body support: 38 cm
width: 21 cm

Part of the wayang golek scene or stage accessory from Ernő Zboray's collection. The serpent arrow is a weapon of magical power (Indonesian: senjata) fired by Karna at his opponent Arjuna in battle. It was Kresna who finally saved young Pandawa from the snake coiled on the arrow.

