


Guanyin, Bodhisattva of mercy

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	2245 
Type:	sculpture; religious or cult object; lacquers
Date of production:	16th century Ming dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	lacquer; stone; wood
Dimensions:	height: 53.5 cm

Guanyin ("perceiver of the sounds of the world"): one of the most revered bodhisattvas in Chinese Buddhism (called Avalókitésvara in Sanskrit). Her cult based on her merciful and compassionate character has been entirely incorporated in Chinese culture by the sixteenth century. The robe covers both shoulders. The breast is richly decorated with fitting ornaments.

