

# Pair of fo lions

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: **50.804.1** 

Type: **sculpture; religious or cult object; lacquers**

Date of production: Around 1600  
Ming dynasty

Place of production: **China**

Materials: **wood**

Techniques: **carved**

Dimensions: height: 87 cm  
width: 20 cm  
length: 26 cm

Fo lions ("Buddha lions") stand on each side of Chinese shrine and palace entrances. The lion was introduced in China as a gift of the Parthian king in the Eastern Zhou period (first century AD). The first stone sculptures of lions were also made during this time.

