

Wayang golek puppet

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: puppetry and shadow play; carving; textile arts

Date of production: ca. 1960 and 1970

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

Materials/Techniques: carved, painted wood, batik textile

Dimensions: length: 83 cm

A typical West Javanese three-dimensional golek puppet made in the second half of the twentieth century. The figure's serpentine head is used to mark the rank of great sages and gods. The character is believed to be none other than the supreme god of the Indonesian hinduism, Batara Guru (Vishnu).

