

Hunnic cauldron (fu in Chinese)

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: 4362 

Type: bronze, lead, gold and silver

Date of production: 3rd–2nd centuries BC
Han dynasty

Place of production: China

Materials: bronze

Techniques: cast

Dimensions: height: 23 cm
diameter (mouth): 14.5 cm
diameter (base): 10.3 cm

Acquisition: bequest of Zoltán Felvinczi Takács

Typical of the vessels used by the herding and hunting peoples living on the northern borders of China. It was a utilitarian article and was heated from below, as the shape of the object confirms. The holes pierced in the cone-shaped base of the vessel allowed the heat to escape when it was heated from beneath.

