


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.

