


The immortal zhang guolao, riding a mule, holding his ceremonial sceptre of fortune

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	1914.1-2 
Type:	sculpture; religious or cult object
Date of production:	16th–17th century Ming dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	bronze
Techniques:	engraved
Dimensions:	height: 143 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

The statue of Zhang Guolao in the collection of the Hopp Museum is a very rare specimen in terms of its dimensions and its styling. The mule is depicted leaning forwards with a slightly bowed head, which generates a sense of dynamic motion, a rare exception among the emphatically static sculptural tradition of the Ming dynasty.

