

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.

