

Wooden frame for hanging bell

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: 2015.60.1.2 

Type: religious or cult object; carving

Date of production: early 20th century

Place of production: Vietnam, Southeast Asia

Materials/Technique: wood, carved
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Dimensions: height: 90 cm
width: 80 cm
depth: 32 cm

The inscribed service/temple bell stand under inventory number 2015.60.1.1.

The top panel element terminating in ornately carved dragon heads is slightly damaged. It shows carved floral and dragon motifs. Below, in the centre, a frontally carved bat (happiness, good fortune) spreads its wings over a stylised shou (long life) inscription composed in a cloud. In addition to these auspicious signs, the bat is also referred to in the repeatedly carved, stylised lettering on the side panels.

