



Bronze Tympanum of a Heger I drum

Item number :7612

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## Description :

The tympanum is part of a 'rain'drum of 'Heger I' type. One concentric band of flying birds encircles the central star. All designs are highly stylized. They are no longer crisp which betrays heavy usage of the tympanum over more than one generation. The fact that only one band with figurative designs is left, rather than two or three, points to a late production date within the second phase of the Đông Sơn bronze casting tradition. This dating is strengthened by the fact that the cast designs are highly stylized. The thinness of the bronze and the medium size of the tympanum are as well characteristics typical for later periods. All these features make us consider the drum to be a product of the second to first century BC.

- Origin : Continental Southeast Asia
- Culture, Dynasty, Period: Đông Sơn
- Date :
  - 2nd Century BC
  - 1st Century BC

- Material: Bronze
- Height (cm): 53
- Height with base (cm): 73
- Diameter (cm): 48
- Stand: This item comes mounted on a custom made metal socle
- Condition report: The tympanum evidently is a fragment of a complete drum of which most of the shoulder and the whole body are now missing. A feature which is not uncommon for many Heger I drums. Several cracks along the edge are noticeable and have been consolidated. Stable condition of the malachite corrosion of the bronze.

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