



## Tianshang Shengmu (Mazu)

### Date

ca. 1985

### Medium

Carved wood with polychrome pigments and gilding

### Description

Chief deity, T'ien-shang shengmu, "Heavenly Empress": Gilded throne and footstool: throne arms are rendered like serpent heads, and throne legs are decorated with face figures. Gilded peacock headdress, painted red in the back. A piece that was protruding in the back is broken off. In the front, the headdress has 7 rows of stringed pearls. The headdress also has long orange and green tassels which drape over each shoulder. Black collar with cloisonne-like design. Blue sash, inset has a floral motif. Square pedestal as stencilled floral designs on the sides. Pedestal feet are painted red. Those on the figure's right

side are chipped. Gilded motif on the figure's stomach. Head and hands have smooth, graphite-like surfaces. toenails and fingernails are painted white.

### Dimensions

15 1/4 x 7 x 8 1/8 inches (38.7 x 17.8 x 20.6 cm)