



Height: 8 inches (20.3 cm)

Figure of Guanyin seated on a qilin (mythical beast), holding a ruyi scepter

Date

18th century

Primary Maker

Unidentified artist

Medium

Carved ivory; Ink

Description

Carved ivory figure of Guanyin (Skt. Avalokitesvarat), the Bodhisattva of Compassion, with right hand raised in a mudra-like gesture, and left hand held low and holding a ruyi (ju-yi) scepter. Guanyin's hair texture is enhanced with ink. Guanyin is seated side-saddle on a qilin (ch'i-lin), a mythical beast whose head is drawn upward and back with its mouth open. Wooden stand.

Dimensions