

Basic Detail Report



Table screen slab with lotus and duck design

Date

Ch'ing Dynasty (1644-1912) 18th century

Primary Maker

Unidentified artist

Medium

Duan shi mountain slate

Description

The square piece of slate is carved on one side in a relief which varies in depth, from fairly deep (ironically in the closest plane the large lotus leaf) to quite shallow, mere incising of lines (the river water). Depicted here are: a lotus in full flower, a lotus bud, lotus leaves and pods, long grasses swaying against the background of the flowing river, and a single, small duck with head crest, seemingly seated on a lotus pod (meant as a depth-creating device; ie overlapping planes?)

Dimensions

9 × 10 3/4 inches (22.9 × 27.3 cm)