



Yao ritual painting of Seng Tsiu (Jade emperor's [Nyut Hung or Yu-huang]'s alter ego.)

Date

Early 20 century

Primary Maker

Unidentified artist

Medium

Hanging scroll: ink and colors on paper

Description

This painting is similar to 85.059.001, the Jade Emperor. The figure is the same, with a flame-halo and long sideburns and beard flowing to the right. The robe, however, is yellow with blue dragons with red fins, and the head-dress is that of an official rather than a small crown. It is not clear what object is held in pink and green cloth, at chest-height; it is not the bowl with the pearl of immortality of the Jade Emperor. The 'mountain/canopy' behind the halo, the phoenix heads and decorative tassels and clouds are the same as on 85.059.001 and the small barefoot, pigtail-holding figure in the central folds of the main figure's robes is similar. At the bottom are two figures with halos, both facing left; to the left, a seated figure in a grey robe holding a scroll with 3 characters. To the right, the second figure is standing, in a red robe, holding a scroll with 4 barely-discernible characters that seem to have been painted over with red and partly covered under the wax-like dots used to decorate robes and parts of some of the paintings. 6/6/86 Astri W.

Dimensions

Image: 46 1/2 × 18 inches (118.1 × 45.7 cm)