



Qianliyan

Date

ca. 1985

Medium

Carved wood with polychrome pigments and gilding

Description

Ch'ien-li-yen/Qian-li-yan, "Thousand-li eyes" Guardian with green complexion: Black hair, white fangs, gilded headband, bracelets and anklets. Cheeks and nose are adorned with gold spots. Coattails are painted yellow and black in a leopard or tiger pattern. A gilded ribbon drapes over both shoulders and extends to the floor. The ribbon is carved to appear as though it is suspended in mid-air as though it is being blown about by the wind. The guardians stance suggests searching over a long distance. The right arm is raised with the hand shading the eyes like a visor.

the left hand is lowered and holding a gilded spear angled toward the ground. the square pedestal is decorated with a floral figure on the front and blue and white designs on the side. Its top surface, or floor, is painted with red and white patterns.

Dimensions

10 1/2 × 3 7/8 × 4 11/16 inches (26.7 × 9.8 × 11.9 cm)