



Incense burner

Date

17th or 18th century

Medium

Bronze

Description

Bronze incense burner in the shape of a tripod pot with two handles and a lid. The lid is reticulated and has a reclining elephant. The topmost part of the lid is a bowl with offerings; it is situated on the elephant's back. The elephant is wearing carpet-like tapestry and decorative headdress. The reticulated part has floral motifs and two fish carved in the back. The handles of the main pot are vertically oriented and tilted outwards; they are higher than the pot itself and almost as high as the tip of the lid.

The pot has floral designs and garlands in relief, all over its surface; except for the neck which is plain. Each leg of the tripod bears a mask-like face situated at the joint that connects the leg to the main body.

Dimensions

Height: 19 inches (48.3 cm)