



Hanging image of Yakushi Nyorai, the

Medicine Buddha

On display

Title/Description: Hanging image of Yakushi Nyorai, the Medicine Buddha

Object Type: Sculpture

Materials: Bronze, Wood

Measurements: h. 160 x w. 160 x d. 30 mm

Accession Number: 1207

Historic Period: Later Heian to early Kamakura period (12 - 13th century)

Production Place: Asia, East Asia, Japan

Credit Line: Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection, UEA

This circular bronze plaque has a central image showing a seated Buddha figure in raised relief. Incised lines indicate flowing robes and he sits on a lotus flower. The right arm is raised and the left arm sits on the left knee. An intricate fretwork 'halo' surrounds the head and the figure is flanked on either side by a slender tall-necked vessel. The plaque has 19 studs in the outer rim, and shows that one is missing, while two clasps are attached to the upper right and left side, pierced for suspension purposes. The plaque shows significant green patination.

Helen Coleman, 1997
