

Basic Detail Report



Werkudara also known as Bima (wanda: Mimis)

Primary Maker

Wiji Sutikno

Medium

Water buffalo hide, paint, ancur, water buffalo horn, gold leaf, wood

Description

Shadow puppet. Large male figure with black skin and long thumbnails. Elaborate, curving hairstyle, black and gold checked batik skirt. Intricate punchwork details indicating hair, body hair. "Performer: Ki Purbo Asmoro;

also: Ki Bowo; Ki Manta Artists: Wiji Sutikno (leather carver); Murdiyonto (painter) Place and Date Made: Sukoharjo, date unknown; acquired by Ki Purbo Asmoro in Sragen, 2002 Mimis means bullet," suggesting this wanda was invented at least after firearms existed. In this mood, Bima is fiery, strong, and fast [like ammunition] and the puppet is often used in battle scenes in Mahabharata stories Bima's strength is emphasized by his black-painted body." (Katz-Harris 2010)

Dimensions

Overall: 42 15/16 x 22 1/16 in. (109 x 56 cm)