

Bathara Narada

Medium

Water buffalo hide, water-based paint, water buffalo horn, wood, bronze leaf

Description

Shadow puppet. Small, rotund male figure. Green jacket, colorful skirt, brown sash. Scalloped headdress, short beard. Multicolored shoes. Performer: Ki Purbo Asmoro; also: Ki Sajali; Ki Kasim; Ki Kusni; Ki Kesdik Artists: Unkown Place and Date Made: Klatenm date unkown; aquired by Ki Purbo Asmore in Klaten, 2000 Bathara Narada is Bathara Guru's chief advisor and he acts as a messenger between the gods in heaven and the earthly

realm. Narada, who is himself a god, is an ebullient character; he never gets angry, and he often laughs and makes jokes. Narada is also wise and particularly knowledge-able about spiritual matters. He is involved in numerous lakon about the gods and the others including "Ciptoning" (Arjuna's Deep Meditation), "Sugriwa Subali" (The story of sugriwa and Subali)," and "Guthutkaca Jedi" (Guthutkaca is Thrown into the Cauldron), from the Mahabharata.

Dimensions

Overall: 26 x 12 3/16 in. (66 x 31 cm)