



Keris holder in the form of Hanuman

Date

Late 20th century

Primary Maker

Artist not recorded

Medium

Wood, paint

Description

Medium sized wood sculpture in the form of Hanuman, reaching over to his left, meant to be holding a Keris, or dagger. Keris are magical daggers, with great meaning on

several islands in Indonesia, including Bali. Keris must be worn and stored in very specific ways. They are very powerful and the dagger must never be pointed at anyone. For this reason, people may have a special holder to store and display their keris when it is not being worn. This is an extravagant example of a keris holder and is carved in the style of Balinese woodcarving. It is possibly from Mas, which is a village well-known for woodcarving.

Dimensions

39 1/2 × 14 × 12 in. (100.3302 × 35.5601 × 30.4801 cm)