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Antique Thai Rattanakosin Gilt Bronze Mahakatyayana Disciple Of Gautama Buddha



Description

An impresive Thai Rattanakosin Gilt bronze figure of Mahakatyayana, Rattanakosin period.

The two rings at the back were to originally suport a parasol.

Mahakatyayana (or Katyayana) was a disciple of Gautama Buddha, listed among one of the ten principal disciples and renowned for his ability to elaborate on the Shakyamuni's terse instructions. His fat appearance is almost certainly co-opted from Chinese images of Budai. However, according to Thai folklore, Mahakatyayana (Thai: Sangkajai) was extremely sought after for his looks, so he transformed himself into a fat monk to avoid distraction from the arhat path. Greatly

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Period : 19th century Condition : Bon état Material : Gilted wood Height : 28 cm

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revered in Thailand, a similar, monumental sculpture of Mahakatyayana is built in Wat Bang Nam Phueng Nok, in Samut Prakan province (see last photo).

Period - 19th century.

Condition - Good condition - Wear to the gilding as one would expect from a bronze of this age.

Measurement - Height 28 cm Width 26.5 cm

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