



## Burmese Animist Figures, Nat Ou Chinthe.

800 EUR



Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Solid wood

Length : 20

Height : 34

Depth : 19

### Description

These sculptures are reminiscent of certain chinthe, protective mythological lions found at the entrance to Burmese temples, or even two manussaha (lion-man hybrid creatures) although their anthropomorphic features are unusual.

These sculptures appear to be hybrids, combining human and animal features, which is characteristic of many animist traditions in Southeast Asia, including Burma. Animism is based on the belief that spirits inhabit objects, animals and natural elements. In traditional Burmese and Thai art, this belief has often merged with Buddhism, giving rise to representations of hybrid guardians, often inspired by mythical creatures. Dimensions (For the largest): H 34 cm x W 20 cm x D 19 cm

Provenance: Claude de Marteau Collection Sold

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