



## Large Bronze Thepphanom Worshippers, Rattanakosin



7 800 EUR

Period : 20th century Condition : Très bon état Material : Bronze Length : 46 Height : 96 Depth : 57

## Description

An imposing pair of Thepanom or worshippers, in Thai tradition. These statues generally represent deities (Devata), or mythological beings kneeling, their hands clasped in respect or veneration, often placed in pairs on either side of a Buddha statue or at the entrance to temples. They embody protective celestial beings, inspired by Hindu-Buddhist myths, and are a common motif in Thai art and architecture. A Thepanom symbolizes devotion and spiritual protection in the Thai Buddhist context. Bronze, Rattanakosin period, early 20th century. Provenance: Estate of the collector and Asian art dealer Claude de Marteau Sold with certificate of provenance H 96 cm x D 57 cm x W 46 cm Weight: approximately 80 kg each These images of worshippers are sometimes confused with Buddhas because of

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Quai de la Dérivation 9 Liège 4020 iconographic details also used in their representations, these similarities are in reality signs of Buddhahood: The lakshanas. The three folds on the neck: Symbol of beauty, they embody the elegance and gentleness of the Buddha's speech, as well as the ability of his teaching to heal and soothe. The elongated earlobes: Sign of Buddha's princely past, when he wore heavy ear jewelry. The monastic robe is not a lakshana but it symbolizes the renunciation of attachments materials, reflecting spiritual purity and commitment to the Buddhist path. These two representations are also devoid of ushnisha (cranial protuberance) and urna (a spiral or a sort of half ball placed on the forehead of the Buddha) See these 2 large bronze Thepphanoms Worshippers, Rattanakosin in full screen mode on Vintage Addict