



Jain Bronze Stele



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Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Height : 24 cm

Description

Jain bronze depicting a Tirthankara in an architectural sanctuary, West or South India. Period: 18th century. Material: Cast and openwork bronze. Height: 24 cm. This depicts a Tirthankara (spiritual master of Jainism) seated in padmasana (lotus position) in a meditative pose. The peaceful face with half-closed eyes, elongated earlobes, and the presence of the srivatsa symbol on the chest are iconographic characteristics specific to the Jina, the enlightened beings of the Jain tradition. The central figure is placed in a miniature architectural sanctuary, formed by a richly decorated and openwork torana (ornamental arch). This torana is populated with numerous symbolic figures and motifs: elephants and lions in the upper registers, symbols of power and protection; attendants and

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devotees arranged on either side of the throne; and figures and worshippers in the lower registers, illustrating scenes of devotion. At the top, a canopy surmounts the figure of the Tirthankara, emphasizing its spiritual status and recalling the traditional iconography of Jain shrines. The entire piece is finely openwork and sculpted, creating the effect of a small portable temple, intended for domestic devotion or a private altar. Good overall condition. Wear and an old golden-brown patina consistent with age. Minor signs of use and oxidation.