Hibo Kwannon (Goddess Of Mercy)

Date

1185-1333

Primary Maker

Unknown

Medium

Silk | Ink | Paint | Paper

Description

Ink and colors on silk painting mounted on paper. Painting has a seated six-armed figure at center silk which is very dark. Figure stands out with its gilt skin coloring. One left hand holds up a small flaming jewel on a tray. Three flaming jewels are on a small lotus dish in one of the right hands. Drapery is flowing and has finely painted gilt designs on it. A halo encircles the head, a large halo encircles the entire body. Faint form of a dragon peering upward is at lower left. A small worshipping figure is at upper left. Silk is very dark & much fragmented, but well restored when rebacked. A bulbous dark discoloration is among the upper right side. Kamakura Period.

Dimensions

Overall, Image: 37 x 14 1/2 in. (94 x 36.8 cm) Overall, Frame: 58 x 21 1/2 in. (147.3 x 54.6 cm)