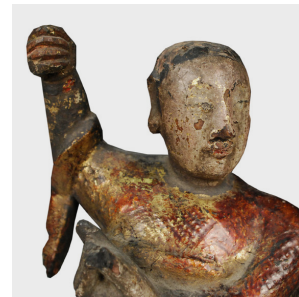
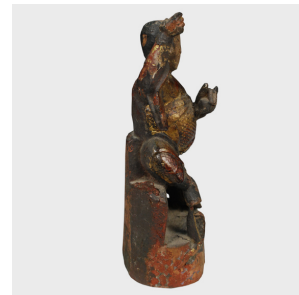
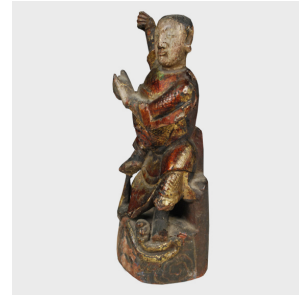

PAGODA RED



"ZHEN" ALTAR SPIRIT

\$680

c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Wood, Lacquer • Collection #CMK021

W: 5.0" D: 4.0" H: 12.0"

Hand-carved in the 19th century, this evil-conquering guardian was likely created as an offering for a family altar. At the time, people offered fruits, incense and carved spirit figures to respect ancestors, protect family and bring good fortune. "Zhen" is a protector. Armed and garbed in armor, the wooden figure cuts an imposing pose, intricately carved and resplendent in brilliant red lacquer applied over a century ago and still visible today.



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