



690. Large Stucco head of Guanyin

China, Ming Dynasty (1368-1644)

H: 72cm

This finely modelled head of Guanyin, exudes serenity. The slender hooded eyes, are half closed and downcast.

The arched eyebrows extend to a broad straight nose over full lips. In the center of the forehead is a circular indentation – known as an -urna - which would have once held a jewel. The long earlobes indicate this is a figure of great wisdom. The hair is pulled up from the face into an elaborate top-knot, encircled by a band embellished with florets. There are traces of polychrome.

Provenance:

Private Collection, France - acquired in the 1980s