



Wood block

Date

1850-1875 ca.

Description

Rectangular slit drum with hollow center and slit at top. The equivalent of the muyu, or "fish drum," recognizable by its red, black, and gold ornamentation. The nanbangzi, used to accompany Cantonese opera, is struck with a thin wooden beater. The Chinese character appearing on the paper label adhered to the front of the drum means "good fortune."

Dimensions

Height (with handle): 500 mm Height (without handle):
160 mm Width: 400 mm