

A LIMESTONE HEAD OF BODHISATTVA GUANYIN.

China, Yuan/Ming dynasty, height 40 cm.

Grey stone with brown patina.

Compare two very similar heads: one in the Metropolitan Museum New York and one in the Rietberg Museum Zurich. Provenance: Collection of Klaus Clausmeyer (1887–1968), a painter and important collector of non-European art. According to his biography he was fighting in Belgium during World War I when a buddha head came rolling to his feet from a collapsing house. He then started collecting buddhist art and later on increasingly tribal art as well. His collection of African and other tribal art is exhibited in the Rautenstrauch-Joest

Museum in Cologne since 1972. This work has been in the possession of his daughter until today.

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