

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 3:00 – 3:45 pm
Koret Education Center

Commissioners Present: Salle Yoo, Chair
Thao Dodson
Martha Hertelendy
Fred Levin
Nanci Nishimura

Commissioners Absent: Virginia Foo
Kenneth P. Wilcox

Also Present: Marsha Vargas Handley
Abby Chen
Naz Cuguoglu
Sara Lee
Soyoung Lee
Robert Mintz
Mark Sabb
Daphne Tooke
Emiko Usui
Laura Hathhorn

Call to Order. Chair Salle Yoo called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., a quorum being present.

Acquisitions Committee Report. Committee Chair Marsha Vargas Handley called on Chief Curator Robert Mintz

Consideration and Possible Action Items

a. Objects Recommended for Deaccession from City Collection: Thirteen Cambodian and two Filipino objects from the collection of the City and County of San Francisco

WHEREAS, The following objects (thirteen Cambodian and two Filipino) were recommended for deaccession from the City Collection; and

- (i) Head of a deity, approx. 890-925; Cambodia; Sandstone with traces of color; H. 8 in x Diam. 8 in, H. 20.3 cm x Diam. 20.3 cm; *The Avery Brundage Collection*; B60S27;
- (ii) Head from an image of the Hindu deity Shiva, approx. 900-1000; Cambodia or Northeastern Thailand, former kingdom of Angkor; Sandstone; H. 18 1/2 in x W. 11 in x Diam. 11 in, H. 47 cm x W. 27.9 cm x Diam. 27.9 cm; *The Avery Brundage Collection*; B60S149+;
- (iii) Nine deities, approx. 900-1100; Cambodia; Sandstone with traces of color; H. 11 in x W. 41 in x D. 4 in, H. 27.9 cm x W. 104.1 cm x D. 10.2 cm; *The Avery Brundage Collection*; B60S595;
- (iv) The Hindu deity Vishnu, 940-965; Cambodia, former kingdom of Angkor; Sandstone; H. 56 in x W. 33 in x D. 19 in, H. 142.2 cm x W. 83.8 cm x D. 48.3 cm; *The Avery Brundage Collection*; B65S7;
- (v) The deity Shiva, one of a pair, 975-1025; Cambodia, former kingdom of Angkor; Sandstone; H. 44 in x W. 17 in x D. 7 1/4 in, H. 111.8 cm x W. 43.2 cm x D. 18.4 cm; *The Avery Brundage Collection*; B66S2;
- (vi) The deity Parvati, one of a pair, 975-1025; Cambodia, former kingdom of Angkor; Sandstone; H. 41 in x W. 13 1/2 in x D. 6 in, H. 104.1 cm x W. 34.3 cm x D. 15.2 cm; *The Avery Brundage Collection*; B66S3;
- (vii) Head of an image of the bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara, approx. 925-975; Cambodia, former kingdom of Angkor; Sandstone; H. 20 1/2 in x W. 14 1/2 in x D. 11 1/2 in, H. 52.1 cm x W. 36.8 cm x D. 29.2 cm; *Museum purchase*; B68S1;

- (viii) Female Hindu deity, approx. 890-925; Cambodia, former kingdom of Angkor; Sandstone; H. 52 in x W. 11 5/8 in x D. 9 in, H. 132.1 cm x W. 29.5 cm x D. 22.9 cm; *Museum purchase with additional funding from G.F. Jewett, Jr. and family*; B68S19;
- (ix) Crowned and bejeweled serpent-enthroned Buddha, approx. 1150-1175; Cambodia, former kingdom of Angkor; Sandstone; H. 33 1/4 in x W. 16 in x D. 10 in, H. 84 cm x W. 40.6 cm x D. 25.4 cm; *Museum purchase*; B69S12;
- (x) The bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara, approx. 1175-1225; Cambodia; Sandstone; H. 33 1/2 in x W. 18 in x D. 6 1/2 in, H. 85.1 cm x W. 45.7 cm x D. 16.5 cm; *The Avery Brundage Collection*; B71S5;
- (xi) Nine deities, 1000-1100; Cambodia, former kingdom of Angkor; Stone; H. 14 5/8 in x W. 55 in x D. 9 1/2 in, H. 37.2 cm x W. 139.7 cm x D. 24.1 cm; *Gift of Edward Nagel*; B71S9;
- (xii) Lion, approx. 1150-1225; Cambodia, former kingdom of Angkor; Sandstone; H. 35 in x W. 14 1/2 in x D. 22 in, H. 88.9 cm x W. 36.8 cm x D. 55.9 cm; *Museum purchase*; B76S1;
- (xiii) The Hindu deity Yama seated on a buffalo, 1175-1225; Cambodia; Sandstone; H. 21 5/8 in x W. 6 3/4 in x D. 17 1/2 in, 270 lb., H. 54.9 cm x W. 17.1 cm x D. 44.5 cm, 122.5 kg; *Gift of Jonathan Cobb in memory of Maria Dyliaacco Meyer*; 1995.36;
- (xiv) Burial urn, approx. 600; Philippines, Mindanao; Limestone; H. 28 in x W. 13 in x D. 13 in, H. 71.1 cm x W. 33 cm x D. 33 cm; *Gift of Marion Greene*; 1991.323.1;
- (xv) Burial urn, approx. 600; Philippines, Mindanao; Limestone; H. 27 1/2 in x W. 13 1/2 in x D. 12 1/2 in, H. 69.8 cm s W. 34.3 cm x D. 31.7 cm; *Gift of Marion Greene*; 1991.323.2;

WHEREAS, The Collections Management Policy of the Asian Art Museum, as amended on November 26, 2001, permits objects to be considered for deaccessioning if they are not suitable for reasons including relevance, redundancy, physical integrity, authenticity, destructive analysis, fragments, legality, and inconsistency with the purposes and priorities of the Museum; and

WHEREAS, On August 26, 2002 the Asian Art Commission passed Resolution C02-029 which authorized the City Attorney, in consultation with the Director, to finalize and submit to the court a Petition for Instructions Approving Discretionary Acts of Trustees and a Petition for Order to modify the Brundage Trust Agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Director and the Chief Curatorial Director recommend that the objects be deaccessioned from the City Collection; and

WHEREAS, The Acquisitions Committee presented its recommendation to the Asian Art Commission Executive Committee at their February 11, 2025 meeting that the objects listed be deaccessioned, with the understanding that the matter would be considered again by the Acquisitions Committee at least six months after its December 17, 2024 meeting; and another resolution would be submitted to the Asian Art Commission where it would become effective only after it had been agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the quorum of the Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Asian Art Commission approves Phase 2 of the deaccessioning process regarding the objects listed.

b. South Asian Object to be Purchased for the City Collection

WHEREAS, The following object was fully researched by the Curators and the Conservators. The Director and Chief Curatorial Director recommend that the object be purchased and considered for accession into the City Collection; now, therefore, be it

SOUTH ASIAN ART

R2025.12

Sculpture

Chitra Ganesh (American, b. 1975)

Totem

2018

Aqua resin, foam, plaster, fiberglass, steel,
and cement

H. 91 in. × Diam. 35 in. (H. 231.1 cm ×
Diam. 88.9 cm)

Seller: Gallery Wendi Norris

Price: \$48,000

RESOLVED, That the Asian Art Commission approves accession of this object into the City Collection, with thanks to the Donors of Funds.

c. South Asian Objects Purchased for the City Collection Using Discretionary Spending Authority

WHEREAS, The following objects were fully researched by the Curators and the Conservators and were purchased using the discretionary spending authority of the Director (up to \$25,000) or Chief Curatorial Director (up to \$10,000). The Director and the Chief Curatorial Director recommend that the objects be considered for accession into the City Collection; now, therefore, be it

SOUTH ASIAN ART

R2025.13.1

Painting

Avtar Singh (Indian, b. 1982)

Delhi and Lahore (Dilī tē lāhore)

2024

Gouache on paper

H. 11 in. × W. 17 in. (H. 27.9 cm × W. 43.2
cm)

Seller: Art and Tolerance

Price: \$3,500

R2025.13.2

Painting

Avtar Singh (Indian, b. 1982)

*Worthless Is Caste & Name (Phakkara jāta
phakkara nāu)*

2024

Gouache on paper

H. 11 in. × W. 17 in. (H. 27.9 cm × W. 43.2
cm)

Seller: Art and Tolerance

Price: \$3,500

RESOLVED, That the Asian Art Commission approves accession of these objects into the City Collection, with thanks to the Donors of Funds.

d. Gifts Recommended to be Accessioned into the City Collection

WHEREAS, The following objects offered as gifts to the Asian Art Museum have been fully researched by the Curators and the Conservators. The Director and the Chief Curatorial Director and the Acquisitions Committee recommend that the objects be considered for acquisition into the City Collection; now, therefore, be it

SOUTH ASIAN ART

R2025.3.1

Donor: Sejal and Sheel Tyle

Painting

Anoushka Mirchandani (b. 1988)

untitled

2025

Oil pastel on canvas

H. 89 in. × W. 68 in. × D. 2 1/2 in. (H. 226.1 cm
× W. 172.7 cm × D. 6.4 cm)

R2025.3.2

Donor: Prince Bhojwani

Textiles

Lakshmi Madhavan

Laboured Landscape I

2024

Kasavu, red and black threads, wood, shuttle,
kasavu spool

H. 49 in. × W. 30 in. (H. 124.5 cm × W. 76.2 cm)

R2025.3.3

Donor: Prince Bhojwani

Textiles

Lakshmi Madhavan

Laboured Landscape II

2024

Kasavu, red and black threads, wood, cloth roller

H. 49 in. × W. 30 in. (H. 124.5 cm × W. 76.2 cm)

R2025.3.4

Donor: Prince Bhojwani

Textiles

Lakshmi Madhavan

Laboured Landscape III

2024

Kasavu, red and black threads, wood, laterite soil

H. 49 in. × W. 30 in. (H. 124.5 cm × W. 76.2 cm)

RESOLVED, That the Asian Art Commission approves accession of the above objects into the City Collection, with thanks to the Donors.

e. Objects currently in the Foundation Collection recommended for the City Collection

WHEREAS, The following objects from the Foundation Collection have been fully researched by the Curators and the Conservators. The Director and the Chief Curatorial Director and the Acquisitions Committee recommend that the objects be accessioned into the City Collection; now, therefore, be it

SOUTH ASIAN ART

F2025.4.1

Seller: Project 88

Sculpture

Amol K. Patil (b. 1987)

Black Masks On Roller Skates – s10

2022

Bronze

H. 5 5/8 in. × W. 3 in. × D. 4 in. (H. 14.2 cm ×
W. 7.6 cm × D. 10.2 cm)

F2024.16.2

Seller: Project 88

Prints And Drawings

Amol K. Patil (b. 1987)

The Line Between City D1

2023

Pen on paper

H. 10 in. × W. 14 in. (H. 25.4 cm × W. 35.6 cm)

CHINESE ART

F2002.18.18

Prints And Drawings

Rubbing of a bronze bell of the Zhou dynasty
1919

Hanging scroll; Ink on paper

Overall: H. 80 in. × W. 27 15/16 in. (H. 203.2 cm × W. 71 cm);

Image: H. 51 13/16 in. × W. 25 3/16 in. (H. 131.6 cm × W. 64 cm)

F2006.32.3

Donor: Dr. Forrest Mortimer

Painting

Zhang Lichen (Chinese, b. 1939)

Fruited Branches

Hanging scroll; Ink and colors on paper

Overall: H. 80 in. × W. 20 1/2 in. (H. 203.2 cm × W 52.1 cm);

Image: H. 33 in. × W. 19 in. (H. 83.8 cm × W. 48.3 cm)

F2024.38a-h

Donor: Richard H. Foster Estate

Decorative Arts

Eight-panel folding screen with bird and flower scenes

Approx. 1820

Lacquered wood with various stone inlays

Overall: H. 94 1/2 in. × W. 160 in. × D. 2 1/2 in.
(H. 240 cm × W. 406.4 cm × D. 6.4 cm);

Panel: H. 94 1/2 in. × W. 20 1/4 in. × D. 2 1/2 in.
(H. 240 cm × W. 51.4 cm × D. 6.4 cm)

RESOLVED, That the Asian Art Commission approves accession of the above objects into the City Collection, with thanks to the Donors.

f. Approval of Loan No.: OL2025.8 to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

See attached resolution

g. Approval of Loan No.: OL2026.1 to the Berkshire Museum

See attached resolution

h. Approval of Loan No.: OL2024.12 to the National Gallery of Art and Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi

See attached resolution

Adjournment. There being no public comment or other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37p.m.