



Sakyamuni Buddha Seated on a Lotus

Date

17th century

Medium

bronze, gilding and pigment

Description

Seated in padmasana, the lotus position, and on a lotus base, this serene image of the Buddha holds his hands in bhumisparsa mudra. Literally bhumisparsa translates into touching the earth or the earth witness mudra. It is one of the five classic mudras associated with Buddhism. This position is also symbolic of the Buddha acquiring enlightenment under the bodhi tree. He bears the ancient Indian symbol of longlife, the swastika (?), on his chest.

Dimensions

Overall: 28 1/4 x 18 1/4 x 11 7/8 in. (71.8 x 46.4 x 30.2 cm)