



Seated Ganesha

Date

Gupta period, 600s–700s

Primary Maker

Indian

Medium

sandstone

Description

Ganesha depicted with a large elephant's head and plump body. Carved in high relief, with a graceful balance between naturalistic, sensuous swelling volumes and linear articulation, smooth surfaces and ornamentation, exemplifying the classic Gupta style (AD 320-550) of north India. Ganesha sits in a posture of royal ease while his trunk dips into a bowl of sweets held in his lower left hand. His upper left hand holds a lotus while his right hands hold an axe and his severed tusk. His sacred thread, in the form of a snake, is draped over his left shoulder and onto his belly.

Dimensions

20 cm (7 7/8 in.)