



Horned Kulah Khud

Date

late 19th century

Primary Maker

Persian

Medium

steel with gold false-damascening (koft-gari), copper, iron and fabric

Description

Hemispherical bowl embossed with div face and applied horns, with spiked finial and nasal recurving over the nose; nasal with flat lobed finial at either end; plume holders on either side of the nasal. The nasal is secured by a thumb-screw; it apparently does not actually move. The surface is chiseled and engraved with spokes radiating from the finial, alternately ending in palmettes and eight-sided stars and arc forms enriched with gold koft-gari against a chiselled and engraved poppy (?) design. The border has alternating cartouches and roundels inscribed in silvered Arabic writing. The aventail of butted iron links, interspersed with horizontal rows of copper (or copper alloy) links; 32 cm long. 2 long dags frame the face, 2 more in back, in between to L and R rear are 3 smaller ones, the middle in each case being longer than the other two.

Dimensions

29.2 × 17.1 × 22.9 cm (11 1/2 × 6 3/4 × 9 in.), 3 lb 8 oz (weight)