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# Sōtō Asian Art

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*Silver Vajrabhairava – Solitary Hero, Tibet*

Estimate Period: 15<sup>th</sup> Century

Height: 15cm

## Introduction

### 介紹

Soto Asian Art is specialises in Chinese, Indian, Himalayan-Tibetan and Southeast Asian art from the 8th to 16th centuries.

A specialist Asian art dealer with a strong emphasis in gilded bronze, copper, and ancient stone sculptures. Our collection consists of, Yixing teaware, Vietnamese incense beads, Indian cairn sandalwood, ceramics, cloisonne ware.

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Build upon over 30 years of experience in Asian art. Our collection is tailored for investors, collectors, institutions, scholars in private sales, private client management, and dedicated personalise services in Asian Art.

Soto Asian Art only handles the finest pieces for our collection.

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Team

團隊

**Li H.Kei**

Founder, 創辦人

*Mr Li H.Kei is an impassioned collector. With over 30 years devotion in Asian art, his know-how and practical expertise go beyond theoretical understanding.*

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**Jason Li, 李浩川**

Director, 主任

*Mr Jason Li, manages overall operations, business and relationship development within Soto Asian Art. Jason graduated with dual Master Degrees (MSc) from Aston University, and Imperial College London, U.K.*

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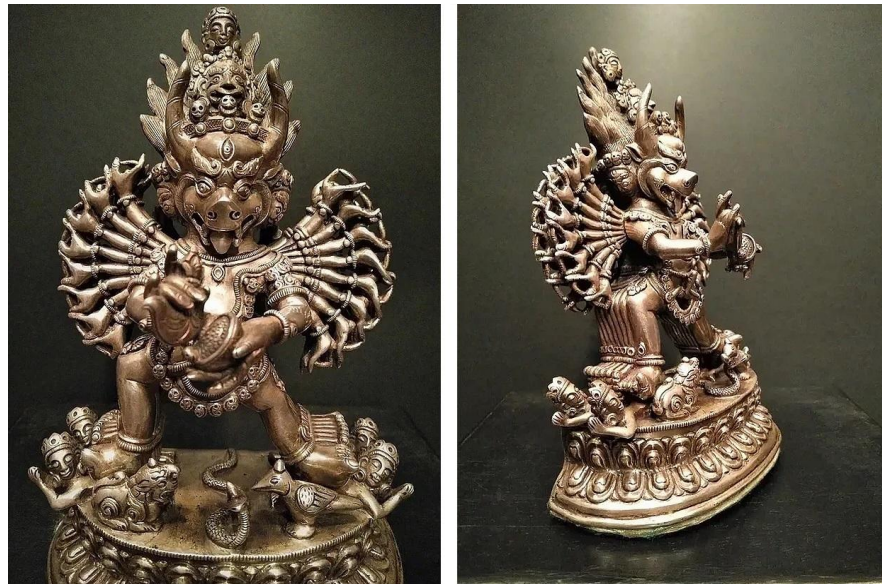
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Silver Vajrabhairava – Solitary Hero,  
Tibet 15<sup>th</sup> Century (1)

銀獨雄閻摩天大威德金剛單身立像, 西藏 15世紀

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The wrathful deity recognised as Vajrabhairava (大威德怖畏金剛) in Tibetan, and wisdom king Yamāntaka ‘Adamantine Terrifier’ (大威德金剛) in Sanskrit. Vajrabhairava (Yamāntaka) is a manifestation of the Buddhist Manjushri, the great Bodhisattva of Wisdom.

Vajrabhairava is one of the principal three meditational deities of the Gelug School (格魯派三大本尊之一). The destroyer of Yama, and the Lord of Death; Vajrabhairava is the most ferocious of the Tibetan meditational deities, always depicted as fear-inducing, terrifying, and intimidating (忿怒相). The ruler of the underworld domain, he lives in charnel grounds and is lord over all fearsome protectors, demons, spirits, cannibals, which he brings under his power.

Vajrabhairava present in two forms:

- Vajrabhairava – Solitary Hero (單尊)
- Vajrabhairava with consort Vajra Vetali (Union) (雙尊)



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*Both full forms of Vajrabhairava consist of nine heads, thirty-four arms, sixteen legs, and a central wrathful buffalo head, with long horns. The central head adorned a tiara of human skulls surmounted by an elaborate five-fold crown embellished with the Buddhist "Wheel of Law" motif. Above, the hair flows upwards like rising flames; mouth wide opened revealing bared fangs, a lolling tongue, and large lips. The eyes are large and protruding, with a "third eye" located at the centre of the forehead, eyebrows elaborately raised, and frowned.*

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*The main pair of hands holding a curved knife and a skull cup at the heart. The right legs are bent, and the left legs are extending straight, with both legs pressing down on a variety of creatures and gods. The nine heads are linked to the Tantric texts to the nine classic "sentiments" (九部經契) with Bodhisattva Manjusri at the apex displaying the characteristic of quiescence (薩寂靜相).*

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## Soto Asian Art, 禪藏

Private viewings are conducted by appointment.

We are only able to accommodate viewings of artworks in a secured off-site facility in Central and Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

Those wishing to make an appointment may send an email to **info@sotoasianart.com**, alternatively, an appointment can be made by phone **(+852) 93219101** or by WeChat (微信) **sotoasianart**.

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