

Garuda

India, Mysore, Karnataka, 17th century

Bronze

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Garuda is the half-man, half-bird vehicle of Vishṇu, shown here in the *añjalimudrā* (gesture of respect). He was born with a strong hatred of evil and roams about the world devouring evil-doers. The King of Birds and The Annihilator of Serpents, he possesses the power to negate poisons and is popular in folklore and daily worship.