



Model Honorary Gate (Paifang)

Date

1850-1880

Primary Maker

Unknown artist, Chinese

Medium

Soapstone

Description

Model in thirty-six pieces depicting a paifang, a commemorative architectural structure used at temples and city gates in imperial China. Inscriptions on the columns mention who is being honored on life-sized paifang. Because this gate was likely made for the tourist market, some of the inscriptions are nonsensical or illegible. One legible inscription reads: "Bright moon shining between the pines; clear water flowing over the stones."

Dimensions

Overall: 18 x 14 3/4 x 5 in. (45.7 x 37.5 x 12.7 cm)