

CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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Provenience: CHINA, western

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Field No.

People or Culture: Chinese, 18th or 19th centuries

Object: shadow figure

Material: painted hide, wire, bamboo

Description: The White Snake Lady. A) The costume design consists of net-like patterning wheels at body hinges, flowers, and dragons; a dragon appears on each sleeve; a bird, at the bottom of each leg; colors are tan, black, red, yellow; red and tan sash worn around waist; arms and legs are hinged; shoes worn on bound feet; right foot torn off and repaired. B) Head; has a tan, cut-out face and

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

height: 37.5

(over)

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Collection: C. F. Bieber Collection of Asian Folk and Minor Arts, purchased from Miss Caroline Frances Bieber
 15 November 1962



black hair; headdress is yellow, red, green, and tan; a white snake is coiled atop the headdress; headdress has 3 white tassels, each with 3 red objects at the ends; the figure has 3 wire and bamboo handles, 1 attached to each hand and one attached to the neck.