



Peaceful and Wrathful Deities of the Bardo

Date

19th century

Medium

Ground mineral pigments on cotton

Description

This fine painting portrays 113 apparitional deities arranged by categories. The innermost circle enshrines the Supreme Heruka together with the Five Transcendental Herukas, all paired with their consorts. The two large concentric circles complete the 58 deities that characterize the wrathful hallucinations of the Bardo Thodrol. The figures outside the circles comprise the canonical 42 peaceful deities complemented by other figures, like those of the Four Gatekeepers, the wrathful

figures paired on each side of the central circles. At top center Samantabhadra and his consort preside over the whole assembly of deities, which is closed at the bottom center by the Five Awarenessholders also standing with their consorts.

Dimensions

38 3/4 x 29 1/8 x 2 1/4 in. (98.4 x 74 x 5.7 cm)