



## Bodhisattva Maitreya

### Date

17th - 19th century

### Medium

Metal alloy

### Description

Maitreya is one of the great bodhisattvas and is said to reside in the realm of Tushita, awaiting his time to be born as a human and become the Buddha of the Future. As such, He is a popular figure in all of the Tibetan Buddhist traditions and is venerated by monks as well as the laity. Maitreya is often depicted as a youth with a stupa as his attribute. Here he is crowned and bejeweled and holds a lotus that supports an ewer, another of his attributes.

### Dimensions

16 1/2 × 10 1/4 × 7 7/8 in.