



Sun Rise Enso

Date

1920

Primary Maker

Nakahara Nantenb (Toju Zenchu) [Nantenbo]

Medium

Folding fan mounted as a hanging scroll, ink on mica-covered paper

Description

Folding fan with calligraphic inscription of a poem following a circular 'enso' symbol. After the enso symbol, the inscription reads: The sun rises, lighting up heaven and earth (The sun rises, illuminating the cosmos) (hi idete kenkon kagayaku) This text is the first couplet of a poem. The second couplet, which is not on the fan reads: The clouds are swept away, and the mountains are blue (kumo osamarite sangaku aoshi) These words were spoken by the Zen abbot Daito Koushi (Shuho Myocho, 1282-1338) from the poem written by the Zen Monk Hakuin Ekaku (1686-1768) titled Dream Words from the Land of Dreams (Kaian Kokugo). The poem's meaning is centered on how enlightenment allowed the world to become one of light.

Dimensions

Mounting: 43 1/2 x 22 3/4 in. (110.5 x 57.8 cm) Panel: 8 x 18 1/4 in. (20.3 x 46.4 cm)