

	<p>Object: Head of a king from Kalocsa</p> <p>Museum: Magyar Nemzeti Galéria Szent György tér 2. 1014 Budapest (20) 439 7325</p> <p>Collection: Régi Magyar Gyűjtemény</p> <p>Inventory number: RMO_53.364</p>
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Description

Donated to the National Museum by the archbishop of Kalocsa, the block-like head, wearing a band crown with crosses, carved in the round is traditionally identified as part of “a figure standing on the main portal,” perhaps representing King Saint Stephen. The flat elongated face is framed by a beard starting at the crown and divided by a long, slightly curved and pointed nose. Under it, there is a drooping moustache cut straight above the mouth. Only the front arms of the crown’s lateral crosses are elaborated and backwards, only the lower edge of the band is shown. Above the band, the roundness of the head is also suggested only in front. The surface is polished in front, but not beyond the line of the ears. Below the upper break, some kind of rim can be made out, which is planar in front and curved further at the sides. To the former, the vestige of a perpendicular plane is attached, compared to which the head tilts slightly forward. All this suggests that it might be an undercarved portion of a relief, possibly portraying Christ, not the saint king.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	thick red Gerecse limestone
Measurements:	17 × 13.5 × 12 cm

Events

Created	When	1200
	Who	
	Where	

Keywords

- Sculpture