

DISH



Dish

Accession Number:

AKM541

Place:

Northeast Iran

Dimensions:

Diameter 32.8 cm

Date:

10th century  
Materials and Technique:

Earthenware, underglaze slip-painted

Similar to the aphorism on [AKM546 \(/collection/artifact/dish-5\)](#), the one decorating the rim of this dish also reads “Generosity is the disposition of the dwellers of Paradise.” Also comparable is the method in which the dish is made and decorated with thin layers of coloured clay. But here the similarities end. The calligraphic composition on this dish is painted on a coloured background in a broad brush and fluid lines, and the space between the letters is filled with circles and abstract forms. The most significant aspect of this dish, however, is the sophisticated interlace at the centre of the dish with interweaving strapwork in the form of an eight-pointed star. This motif is the inspiration for the Aga Khan Museum logo.

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## FEATURED WORK OF ART



(<https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/collection/artifact/plaque-akm616>)

### Plaque

This steel plaques would have been part of the openwork components of a shrine door or decorative frieze with the names of the Shia imams.

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## NEWS & EVENTS



(<https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/learn/event/gentle-yoga-aga-khan-museum-2017>).

**Gentle Yoga in the Aga Khan Museum**

April 12–June 28: Strengthen and pamper yourself during an hour of gentle movement in the Aga Khan Museum's sunlit atrium.

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[\(/performing-arts/event/spring-breeze-turkey\)](/performing-arts/event/spring-breeze-turkey)

### **Spring Breeze from Turkey**

April 21: Enjoy an evening of song and dance with Turkey's National Opera and Ballet, and the renowned Hoy-Tur Turkish Folk Dance Group!

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(<https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/performing-arts/event/world-fiddle-day>)

**World Fiddle Day**  
May 20: Celebrate this much-loved instrument in all its forms through morning workshops, a jam session, and an evening concert!  
[Learn more »](https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/performing-arts/event/world-fiddle-day) (<https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/performing-arts/event/world-fiddle-day>)

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