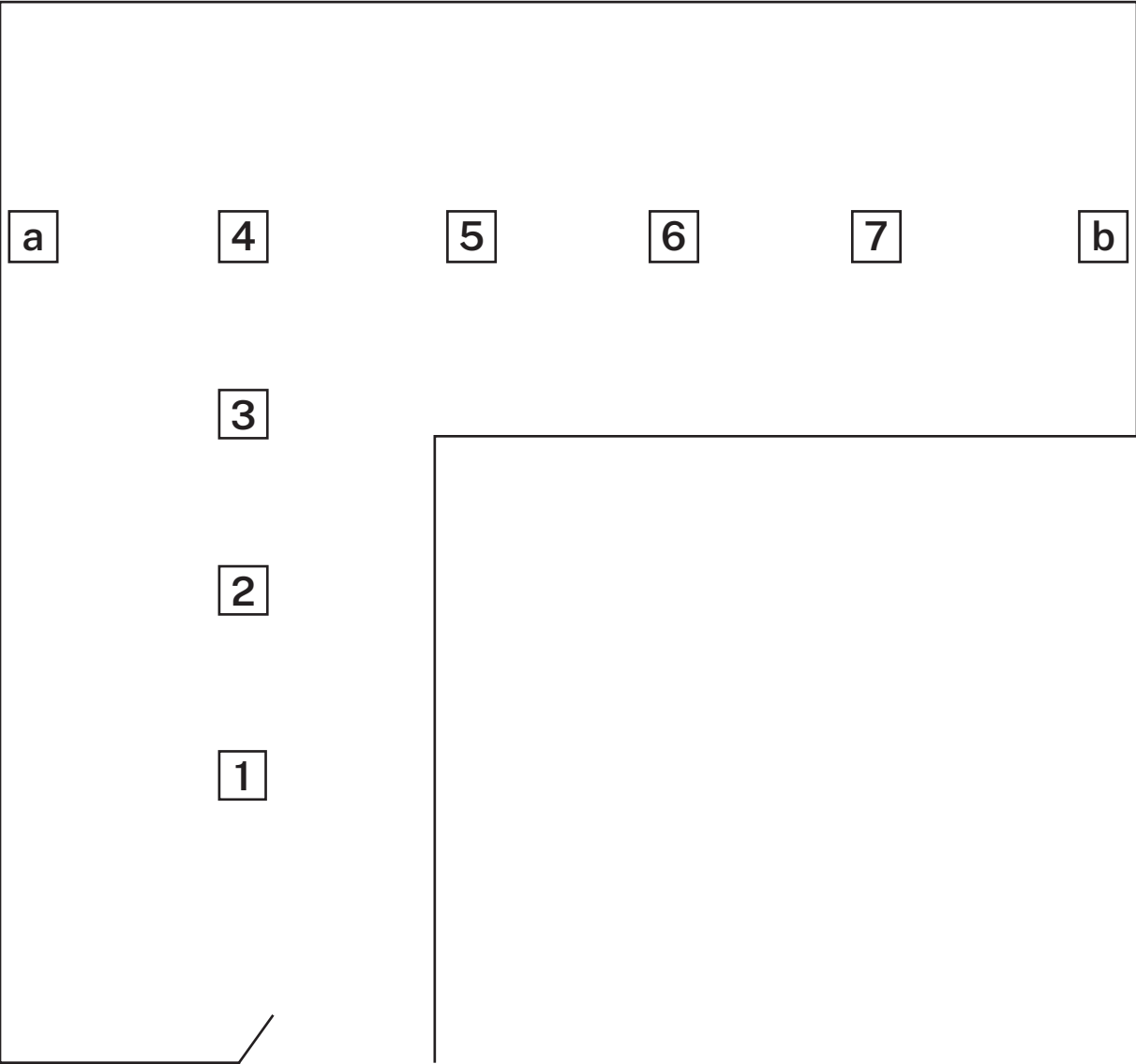


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CHINESE FUNERARY CERAMICS FROM
THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA
澳洲國立美術館藏中國隨葬陶瓷器展

Burial customs of early China provide a rare window into life in the ancient world. Elaborate tomb furnishings reflected evolving understandings of the living realm and the hereafter. Over the centuries, personal objects placed in tombs to accompany the dead were gradually replaced by representations of everyday objects and specialised forms. This ultimately led to the more formalised production of funerary ceramics for use in burial.

This exhibition presents a selection of Chinese funerary art from the collection of the National Gallery of Australia. This rarely exhibited burial paraphernalia dates from formative periods of Chinese history, from the Han dynasty (206 BCE–220 CE) to the Song dynasty (960–1279). These objects offer a glimpse into the cultural practices and beliefs surrounding life and death, as well as insight into the craftsmanship of the funerary market and the spatial arrangement of Chinese tombs.



- 1 *Court ladies playing polo* 唐 三彩馬毬仕女俑
Tang dynasty, 650–750
painted earthenware
Gift of TT Tsui, Hong Kong, through the
National Gallery of Australian Foundation
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- 2 *From left to right*
Miniature pail 唐 三彩小提梁罐
Tang dynasty, 618–907
earthenware; sancai glaze

Miniature wine cup 唐 三彩小杯
Tang dynasty, 618–907
earthenware; sancai glaze

Miniature vase 唐 三彩小瓶
Tang dynasty, 618–907
earthenware; sancai glaze

Miniature alms-bowl 唐 三彩小罐
Tang dynasty, 618–907
earthenware; sancai glaze
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Gallery of Australia, Inc., New York, NY,
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- 3 *Lokapāla guardian figure* 唐 陶加彩護世者
Tang dynasty, 618–907
painted earthenware
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- 4 *Pair of funerary urns* 宋 青白四象蓋罐
Song dynasty, late 11th–early 12th century
stoneware; qingbai glaze,
underglaze painted decoration
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- 5 *Miniature vase* 唐 白釉小瓶
Tang dynasty, 618–907
earthenware; glaze
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Miniature cup 唐 白釉小單耳盃
Tang dynasty, 618–907
earthenware; glaze
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- 6 *Funerary jar* 宋 青瓷刻花蓋罐
Early Song dynasty, 10th century
stoneware; celadon glaze
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1995
- 7 *Duck-shaped vessel* 漢 加彩鴨形陶壺
Western Han dynasty, 206 BCE–8CE
earthenware, pigments
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- 8 *Reclining dog* 漢 褐釉陶犬
Han dynasty, 206 BCE–229 CE
earthenware; glaze
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 - a Poem by Wang Fanzhi 王梵志
 - b Han dynasty royal mausoleum interactive
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