Public access description
This type of beaker-shaped vase sometimes formed part of a garniture, matched set of vases. Equally they were also displayed individually on cupboards and over fireplaces in Europe.

Descriptive line
Vase, porcelain with underglaze blue decoration, China, Qing dynasty, Kangxi period (1662-1722)

Physical description
Porcelain vase of beaker-shaped, painted in underglaze blue with peonies and conventional foliage in reserve on a blue ground. Above and below are bands of sceptre-head (ruyi) panels containing formal floral decoration. Bordered by a band of diaper-work above foot, and a band of half flower-head and scrolling foliage below the mouthrim.

Dimensions
Height: 30.8 cm, Diameter: 13.7 cm

Museum number
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