Globes in the Collection

Indo-Persian celestial Globe Inventory No. 45247

This is an Indo-Persian celestial globe made in 1663/4 A.D. out of brass, with inlaid silver 'stars'. It is signed, 'Work of the least of the servants Diyâ' ad-dîn Muhammad b. Qâ'im Muhammad b. Mullâ 'Îsà b. Shaikh Ilâh-dâd the imperial (himâyûnî) astrolabist of Lahore, in the Hijrî year 1074 [= 1663/4 A.D.]'.

The usual great circles are marked; the ecliptic and equatorial circles are graduated. The constellations are represented pictorially and stars are marked by inlaid silver points. The meridian circle supporting the globe is a replacement, but the stand is original.

