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If you're over 50, give yourself a pat on the back: you've probably lived longer than most members of the nomadic horse tribes that occupied the Eurasian steppes since the second millennium B.C. These trade-savvy travelers decorated themselves, their horses, their chariots, and their dead with small bronze ornaments. Shamans who lived among the tribes sported items from their own special line of bronze doohickeys and enhanced their spiritual powers by consuming consciousness-expanding aperitifs. (Many of these shamans' descendants have since relocated to the Santa Fe area.) Take a gander at 85 examples of the horse tribes' handiwork in *Ancient Bronzes of the Asian Grasslands From the Arthur M. Sackler Foundation*, opening today at the New Mexico Museum of Art. On the cover: garment plaque from northern China, circa first or second century A.D.; image courtesy the Arthur M. Sackler Foundation, New York.

