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China, 18th Century - Qianlong Period (1736-1795) - Porcelain Plate From The Rose Family



100 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Restauré

Material : Porcelain

Diameter : 23

Description

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Plate decorated in the center with two crowing
roosters in nature, near pierced rocks adorned
with peonies and flowers.

Peony decoration on the wing. Chinese porcelain
with polychrome decoration of famille rose
enamels.

Accident and restoration.

Dimensions: Diameter: c. 23cm.

The central decoration of this plate takes up
auspicious motifs, symbols of honor (the peony),
of longevity (the pierced rock) and of success (the
rooster). Associated, these symbols also form two
rebus which call for the elevation of the social

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rank of its owner. "?????" or "Gongming Fugui", meaning "success, fame - wealth, high position", is in Chinese literature a reference to scholars who have attained an official rank which can be understood as "may you receive an important rank and the honours". The crowing roosters symbolize the first part of this sentence (gongji = cock; ming = cry) and the peonies the second, "fugui" being one of the names given to peonies. The combination of roosters and pierced rocks forms another rebus that can be interpreted as "may your house enjoy good fortune", the words for rock and house being pronounced the same (shi).