



Budai (hotei) Carved In Soapstone (Iard Stone, Soapstone) China Qing Period.



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Stone

Width : 90mm

Height : 90mm

Description

Budai is the Chinese and Japanese Santa Claus who calls him Hotei. He carries toys in a big bag and distributes them to children who adore him and are sometimes represented at his side. The god is seated, his half-open robe reveals his large belly, a symbol of his generosity. He holds his rosary in his hand. Oddly enough his big bag is missing. It is sculpted from a beige steatite (bacon stone, soap stone) stained with pink, on the skull appear red veins of the stone. The artist knew how to breathe life into this laughing face with communicative joy. It is difficult to date this work precisely, however the simplicity of execution, the absence of mannerism, the wonderfully expressive face as well as a beautiful patina makes us think it is very old. Qing period or before. Good condition, small insignificant

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accidents that can be seen in photos. No
restoration or grinding. H: 90mm W: 90mm