



Very Large "blanc De Chine" Buddhist Lion - China 17th Century Circa 1640



1 250 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Porcelain

Height : 34,2cm

Description

A large porcelain Buddhistic Lion of extremely high quality. It is rare to see such a detailed figure with such a cream glaze. They were commonly seen towards the end of the 17th century, then under Kangxi and throughout the Qing Dynasty. This Fo dog is unusual in that its height of just over 34cm makes it a particularly large example. The elements of its collar are also extremely accomplished. All the elements in relief show the enormous care taken in making this lion. Although this Fo lion was originally an incense-holder, the element allowing an incense stick to be inserted has been broken off.

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Late Ming Dynasty, Circa 1640

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For a pair of comparable size, see :

- Blanc de Chine, P.J. Donnelly, 93. Buddhistic

Miscellanea, B. (With European decoration)

- Blanc de Chine, Marchant and Sons, 2006, p.88,
n.56

- Victoria and Albert Museum, Franks.21

(Kangxi pair)

For a much larger model, but with a comparable
level of detail, see :

- Blanc de Chine, Marchant and Sons, 2006,
p.90-91, n.58

Provenance :

- UK private collection

The fragility of the relief elements has
unfortunately resulted in some missing pieces or
small accidents. The end of the left tooth is
missing, some elements are missing along the
back and the incense-holder is missing.

Further information and photos on request.