



Safavid Basin, Khorasan, Iran, Copper, Diam 27.5 Cm, End Of The 17th Century, Beginning Of The 18th Century



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Signature : Safavide

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Copper

Diameter : 27,5 cm - 11"

Height : 10 cm - 4"

#### Description

Large basin from the Safavid or Safavid period:

End of the 17th, beginning of the 18th century

Exceptional piece of Persian history.

Rare beautiful patina on copper.

- The outer rim is composed of six medallions decorated with trees of life alternating with six representations of princes and princesses seated or in busts in flowery niches.

- The separation between the niches and the medallions is made of an arrangement of bricks.

Khorassan, (region of the North-East of Iran)

- Two small friezes close the composition and another of "medahill" splits the base of the decoration.

- The inner rim is composed of an elegant frieze of points in the shape of bare and rising halberds followed by a frieze with an identical decoration

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but decorated with a flower in its center finished with a point.

- At the bottom of the basin in the central part, a large sun unfolds, the rays in the shape of a medallion.

The patina is of quality, the basin has no shocks or scratches, the state of conservation is very good.

From an old American collection. Khorassan, Khurasan (in Persian: خراسان, meaning "land of the rising sun") It is a historical region located mainly in the northeast of present-day Iran.

The Safavids ruled from 1501 to 1722 (with a brief restoration from 1729 to 1736 and from 1750 to 1773) and at their height controlled all of what is now Iran, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Armenia, eastern Georgia, parts of the North Caucasus including Russia, Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan, as well as parts of Turkey, Syria, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, a vast empire.

## This dynasty, whose reign spanned more than two centuries, led a radical transformation of Persia, including the reorganization of the state, a new architecture of legal powers, and the establishment of Shi'ism as the official religion. Their reign is often considered the beginning of modern Iranian history, as well as one of the gunpowder empires.

From the evidence available at present, it is certain that the Safavid family was of indigenous Iranian origin, and not of Turkish ancestry as is sometimes claimed. It is likely that the family originated in Persian Kurdistan, and later moved to Azerbaijan, where they adopted the Azeri form of the Turkish spoken there, eventually settling in the small town of Ardabil.

Height: 10 cm - Diameter: 27.5 cm - weight: 1007 grs

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