

Burmese Kalaga Depicting Imperial Life Scenes - Burma (myanmar), 19th Century



14 000 EUR

Period: 19th century Condition: Bon état

Length: 170 Width: 340

Description

Embroidery on black velvet with gold and silver metallic threads, pearls, and raised appliqués. A magnificent example of kalaga, the traditional Burmese decorative panel made for ceremonial or religious settings. The work illustrates scenes from the life of an emperor, blending history, legend, and royal pageantry. At the center, the royal court gathers under a pavilion; to the right, a triumphal chariot drawn by horses; all around, dancers, musicians, and dignitaries. Executed with remarkable craftsmanship, the embroidery combines metallic threads, glass inlays, and raised elements, evoking the opulence and theatricality of 19th-century Burmese court culture.

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