



Antique Chinese Opium Pipe Carved Peach Stones (hédiao ??) Faces, C19th

450 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Other

Length : 32 cm



Description

A remarkable 19th-century Chinese opium pipe composed of a series of intricately carved peach stones (hédiao ??), each depicting a different expressive face. The stem terminates in a beautifully patinated wooden and metal bowl finely engraved and decorated with a radiating floral motif. These miniature portraits--meticulously carved from the pits of peaches, a traditional Chinese symbol of longevity and immortality--are fine examples of the hédiao art form, celebrated for its exquisite detail and spirited expression. Each face is unique, showing both artistry and imagination. Length: 32 cm. Condition: good for its age, minor losses and wear consistent with age and use; lovely untouched patina throughout. A rare and characterful collector's piece combining

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