



Liu Hai Famille Rose Porcelain Figure - China 18th Century Qianlong Period



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Porcelain

Height : 12,3cm

Description

Porcelain figure depicting a smiling Liu Hai sitting in an ingot-shaped boat, his right foot resting on an openwork decoration in the shape of a coin. He is also holding and ingot in his left hand. China 18th century Qianlong period (1736-1795) Height: 12.3cm Length: 11cm Width: 6cm We have not encountered similar models decorated in Famille Rose enamels. In the book cited below, the figure decorated in Famille Verte enamels is also described as having an opening under the right foot, and it is also suggested that it could have been used as a water dropper. The cavity under the foot is large and suggests that this figure could indeed have been originally intended as a water dropper, however it seems that there is no other more practical opening. After a test, it is clear that the container gradually

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comes out in the form of drops, but the logic of the opening does not seem at first glance "efficient" for the use that a scholar could make of it. The figure has a tiny orifice on the inside of its right arm, which could be the conductor of the water, if this is the case the dirt prevents the drops from coming out. Regarding the capacity of this piece to be a dropper, it is also discussed in the book *Biscuit refined Chinese Famille Verte wares*, Jorge Welsh, 2012, p.130, fig.33. Indeed, it is pointed out that the appearance of the figure, its weight, and the place serving as an opening make this function of dropper quite uncontrollable. For an example decorated with Famille Verte enamels, see: - Copeland collection: *Chinese and Japanese Ceramic Figures*, William R. Sargent, 1991, p.72, n.26
Some chips on the ingot, some firing and glazing defects, a chip on the thumb of his left hand, and a chip on the ingot he holds in his left hand. More information and photos on request.