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Ritual Vessel, Persia, 18th Century - Large Hand-engraved Bronze ab-zan



6 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Width : 27 cm

Diameter : 34 cm

Height : 36 cm

Description

A monumental 18th-century Persian ritual water vessel (ab-zan), entirely hammered and engraved by hand. Made from a single bronze sheet without casting, it is richly decorated with rhythmic V-cut bands of scrolling arabesques, wave borders, and stylised palmettes, symbolising purity and renewal.

Such vessels were used in aristocratic and religious contexts, particularly within the Kerman-Yazd region, where engraving of this depth and precision was a hallmark of ceremonial craftsmanship. Comparable examples are held at the British Museum and the Victoria & Albert Museum, both classified as high-ceremonial Persian metalwork.

Measurements

Height (body): 36 cm

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Height (with raised handle): 54 cm

Rim diameter: 27 cm

Base diameter: 34 cm

Weight: 5.2 kg

#### Condition

Excellent antique condition with no cracks or repairs. Engraving crisp, patina untouched, surface stable.

#### Shipping

Fully tracked and insured worldwide delivery.

Professionally packed with recycled materials where possible.