



Bronze Seated Buddha

880 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bronze



Description

Antique bronze depicting Budai (Laughing Buddha), China - Southern foundry work. Period: 18th century, Qing dynasty (circa 1720-1780).

This important bronze depicts Budai, known as the Laughing Buddha, seated in a meditative posture with crossed legs and hands resting on his prominent abdomen, a traditional symbol of prosperity, happiness, and abundance. This iconography, very popular in China during the Qing dynasty, is rendered here with full and balanced volumes, characteristic of high-quality 18th-century productions. The face, with its round and benevolent features, presents a serene expression, the half-closed eyes suggesting introspection. The hair is composed of small, regular, finely modeled curls. The barely sketched monastic robe frees the torso and

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emphasizes the roundness of the belly, a central element in the representation of Budai. The overall modeling is fluid, with a fine mastery of proportions and a sense of formal stability. The bronze exhibits a deep brown patina, nuanced with areas of verdigris and ancient oxidation, consistent with long natural aging. The casting is dense and well-balanced, with an integrated molded base pierced with old technical openings, attesting to traditional craftsmanship (century).

Technical specifications: Material: Cast bronze

with an antique patina; Origin: China, probably

Southern China; Period: 18th century, Qing

dynasty; Proposed date: circa 1720-1780;

Technique: Mold casting, hand-finished;

Condition: Very good overall condition; wear,

oxidation, and signs of age consistent with its

age, with no visible restoration; Iconography:

Budai, Laughing Buddha, symbol of prosperity

and happiness; Purpose: Decorative sculpture and

devotional object