



Pair Of Glazed Stoneware Foo Dogs, China, Late 19th Century.



2 400 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sandstone

Width : 53 cm

Height : 44 cm

Depth : 23 cm

Description

Pair of Foo Dogs with Ribbons and Prunus Blossoms. Shiwan stoneware, Foshan (South China) - Late 19th/early 20th century. The two figures, made in mirror image, display refined polychromy and expressive gazes. The ears are intact, which is rare for this type of piece. The city of Shiwan, near Foshan, has been renowned for its ceramic production since the Tang and Song dynasties, with a significant boom during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Known in the West as "Fo dogs," these guardian lions were traditionally placed at the entrances of palaces, temples, and important residences to protect the premises from evil spirits. Even today, they remain common decorative and symbolic elements at the entrances of many buildings.

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