



China, Republic, Plastic Vase Decorated With An Offering To The God Shoulao



280 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Porcelain

Description

Visible in Paris. Free hand delivery in the capital and its suburbs. Delivery for France: 20EUR, contact me for Europe and worldwide. Small blue-white plastic purse-shaped vase, offering scene to the god of longevity Shoulao in cobalt blue. Apocryphal Kangxi mark in cobalt blue underglaze. China, Republic Period (1912-1949). Dimensions: 18 cm (H). Condition report: perfect condition. Although quite modern, this ceramic is very interesting for its shape, glaze, and decoration. The shape is that of a purse. In Chinese culture, it evokes prosperity and wealth. The slightly cream-colored glaze shows irregularities testifying to traditional hand-crafting (not molding). The underglaze cobalt blue decoration depicts an offering to the Taoist god of longevity: Shoulao. He is

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identifiable by his advanced age and his Ruyi scepter. He rides a crane among the clouds, an animal that is itself a symbol of longevity and good fortune. All his other attributes, brought by the other characters, are deer, peaches and a gourd (all also associated with longevity). A beautiful and unusual object, full of symbolism!