



Traditional Ceremonial Torque, China, 19th Century



650 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Sterling silver

Width : 24 cm

Height : 26,2 cm

Description

Traditional ceremonial torque (rigid breastplate necklace) of the Miao (or Hmong) culture, a cultural group living primarily in the mountainous regions of southern China, such as Guizhou. Recognizable by its stylized crescent moon shape, typical of this culture. The central structure is adorned with hand-engraved and hand-embossed scrollwork. It is finished with delicate spiral details and a simple hook clasp. Traditionally referred to as "Miao" silver, this is low-purity silver. This piece displays a beautiful patina and natural oxidation, attesting to its age. A fragment of an ancient red wax seal remains on the back. Cultural significance: Among the Miao and Hmong peoples, these pieces of jewelry are worn by women during weddings, major celebrations, or rituals. They

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symbolize family wealth and social status and also serve as protective talismans. Dimensions: 26.2 x 24 cm. Provenance: Private collection. Sold with a certificate of authenticity from the Gallery.* Shipping costs upon request.