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The Silk Road A Creature Resembling A Griffin



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Signature : La Route de la Soie Médiévale

Period : 17th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Stone

Length : 42 cm

Height : 44 cm

Description

* It is a calcite bas-relief depicting a wingless griffin--with the head of an eagle and the body of a lion--adorned with *ruyi* motifs and branches.The reverse side features mounting holes and an inscription in the center (see photograph). Although the ornamentation appears to follow a Chinese stylization inspired by the Ming Dynasty, I suspect a Central Asian origin--somewhere along the "Silk Road," perhaps in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, or Mongolia. I would be very interested in your opinion on this matter; the syncretism of styles makes dating it quite complex, in my view. The craftsmanship does not appear to be machine-made, and the griffin has a polish reminiscent of marble; the stone itself reveals crystalline sheen. Provenance: acquired from a 17th-century building

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