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Imperial Chinese Lacquer Box With Set Of 9 Ink Sticks Qing Dynasty.



2 000 EUR

Signature : Hu Kaiwen

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Lacquer

Length : cm.21

Width : cm.12

Height : cm.3

Description

A Chinese lacquered box adorned with the imperial effigy of the Five-Clawed Dragon, containing nine finely decorated coagulated ink sticks depicting Chinese landscapes and inscriptions on the back, signed by the artist Hu Kaiwen. Originating from the imperial workshop of the Qin Dynasty (1875-1908), during the reign of the Guangxu Emperor, this box is of particular interest. The exceptional state of preservation of the coagulated ink sticks, used wet for drawing on stone, is remarkable. Hu Kaiwen's gilt signature on the back of the sticks attests to their priceless value. A similar box is on display at the National Museum of Science and Technology (Smithsonian) in Washington, D.C., and the National Palace Museum in Taipei. These boxes, produced in limited editions by the Chinese

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imperial workshops, feature the same dragon iconography and the same decorated ink sticks.