

SA1082292

Antique Chinese famille rose plaque, Five Elders with Taiji scroll, hand-painted

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1082292****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 35.5 cm (14.0")

Width = 25.5 cm (10.0")

Depth = 1.1 cm (0.4")

Description

Antique Chinese Qing Famille Rose Plaque – Five Elders of Taiji, Hand-Painted A finely hand-painted antique Chinese famille rose porcelain plaque, richly detailed with a scene of five elderly men representing the legendary gathering of scholars, including Su Dongpo, from the Song Dynasty era. The scene is set amidst delicately rendered trees, floral elements, and mountainous landscape. Several of the figures feature subtle convex modelling, creating a three-dimensional effect that adds depth and vitality to the composition. The plaque includes multiple seals and a prominent artist's signature, highlighting its authenticity and skilled execution. The scene illustrated appears to represent the traditional motif Wu Lao Tu (???) – the Five Elders, shown smiling and holding a scroll featuring the Taiji (Yin-Yang) symbol. This symbol, fundamental to Taoist philosophy, embodies the dual forces of Yin and Yang and represents the balance of all things in the universe. This interpretation draws from classic Daoist cosmology, in which the interplay of Yin and Yang gives rise to the Five Elements (Earth, Metal, Water, Wood, and Fire), from which the “myriad things” of the world are...

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