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Impressive Qing Dynasty Chinese Bronze Censer, Fu Lion Finial

Price

GBP 1,500

| USD \$2,026 | EUR 1,754

Item Reference: SA1157765**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

A substantial and decorative Chinese bronze censer, dating to the late Qing dynasty (circa 1850–1900). Hexagonal in form, the vessel features intricate relief decoration: each panel depicts birds and blossoming branches, while the base is adorned with dragons or guardian lions. The lid is topped by a finely modelled Fu Lion (Shishi), a potent symbol of protection and good fortune. Condition: Very good original condition with a rich natural patina. There are two small holes at the shoulder: one is the original incense vent; the other is likely a casting flaw or secondary vent, not a later damage. The surface displays minor wear, small casting marks, light oxidation, and some scratches and unevenness from age and use. No visible restoration or repair. Height: 28 cm, width: 19 cm, weight: 2.9 kg. Comparable censers appear in the collections of major museums and have sold at Bonhams and Sotheby's for £1,200–2,000. A rare opportunity to acquire a museum-quality object with both decorative and historical value. Please study the accompanying photographs carefully as they form an integral part of this description. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them. T...

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