

SA1169798

Chinese Laughing Boy, Famille Rose Earthenware Incense Holder, c.1880

Price

GBP 400

| USD \$541 | EUR 468

Item Reference: SA1169798**Date of manufacture: 1880**

Description

A late Qing export earthenware figure of a Laughing Boy, finely modeled and decorated with famille rose enamels. The figure is conceived as an incense holder with five apertures: one at the crown, one in each sleeve, and two at the back. When incense is lit, smoke emerges through these vents and the open mouth. Comparable models were also produced as whistles. The Laughing Boy image derives from Chinese folklore and Chan Buddhism, where it represents Budai, the monk revered as an incarnation of the future Buddha. Such figures were placed in homes as talismans of happiness and prosperity. Dimensions: H 14.5 cm; W 7.5 cm; D 3.8 cm; Weight 208 g. Condition: Excellent antique condition; enamels and colors well preserved; vents original. Please note: the display stand is not included in the sale. 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. The item will be shipped with full tracking and insurance....

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