

SA1175072

Ritual Vessel, Persia, 18th Century – Engraved Bronze ab-zan of Kerman–Yazd Tradition

Price

GBP 3,500

| USD \$4,736 | EUR 4,095

Item Reference: SA1175072**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 36 cm (14.2")

Width = 27 cm (10.6")

Depth = 34 cm (13.4")

Description

A magnificent engraved bronze ritual vessel (ab-zan) dating to the second half of the 18th century. Entirely hand-hammered from a single bronze sheet and engraved line by line with a steel burin, it represents the height of Persian craftsmanship of the late Safavid–early Qajar period. The vessel is covered with fine V-cut engraving depicting arabesques, lozenges, wave bands, and rosettes — each individually drawn on cold metal without mechanical aid. Under magnification, the irregular rhythm and micro-hatching confirm authentic 18th-century handwork. This was a ceremonial water vessel (ab-zan) for ritual purification, associated with the Kerman–Yazd region. Comparable examples are preserved in the British Museum (OA 1889.12-15.3) and the Victoria & Albert Museum (M.68-1913). Measurements Height (body): 36 cm Height (with raised handle): 54 cm Rim diameter: 27 cm Base diameter: 34 cm Weight: 5.2 kg Condition Outstanding integrity: no cracks, no restoration, deeply preserved engraving, and a noble patina consistent with age. Please study the accompanying photographs carefully as they form an integral part of this description. If you have any questions, we will be ha...

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