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A Fine Chinese Bronze & Gold-Inlaid 'Bixie' Paperweight Qianlong Period (1736–1795) Circa 1760

Price

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Description

A Fine Chinese Bronze & Gold-Inlaid 'Bixie' Paperweight Qianlong Period (1736–1795) | Circa 1760 Qianlong Bronze "Scholar's Object" Provenance: Formerly in the prestigious Richard Truscott Collection, London. Description A superb and rare 18th-century cast bronze paperweight depicting a crouching mythical Bixie (or Pi Yao). This finely modelled figure is captured in a powerful, low-slung tension, with its head turned sharply to the left and jaws open in a silent roar. The craftsmanship is exemplary of the Qianlong period, featuring: Exquisite Inlay: The creature is embellished with brilliant gold-inlaid eyebrows, horns, and facial features, providing a striking contrast against the deep, chocolate-brown patina of the bronze. Dynamic Modelling: The muscular haunches are accented by scrolling "flame" motifs cast in low relief, with a bifurcated tail that sweeps elegantly around the flank. Silver Detailing: Delicate silver-wire inlay traces arching cloud or smoke patterns across the spine, adding a layer of ethereal movement to the solid form. Tactile Patina: The surface has been worn smooth by centuries of handling, resulting in a rich, lustrous "skin" that is highl...

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