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An Exceptionally Heavy - Cast
'Lion-Mask' Bronze Censer (Gui)
Ming Dynasty, 17th Century -
**THE SCHOLARS
MASTERPIECE**

Price

GBP 25,000

| USD \$33,830 | EUR 29,253

Item Reference: SA1203750**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 6 cm (2.4")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

THE SCHOLAR'S MASTERPIECE An Exceptionally Heavy - Cast 'Lion - Mask' Bronze Censer (Gui) Ming Dynasty, 17th Century A rare and powerful example of 17th-century Chinese bronze casting, this miniature scholar's desk censer represents the peak of the literati aesthetic. Boasting an extraordinary weight-to-size ratio and a prestigious 'black-lacquer' patina, this is an investment-grade piece that far exceeds standard provincial examples in both material density and sculptural soul. Period: Ming Dynasty, 17th Century circa 1640 Form: Gui (Bombe) form with twin lion-mask (Gui) handles. Height: 6cm. Width: 15cm (Handle to Handle). Weight: 567 grams (Remarkably heavy-cast; indicating a high-purity, copper-rich alloy). Mark: Deeply cast six-character apocryphal Xuande mark (Da Ming Xuan De Nian Zhi) in regular script (Kaishu), featuring the characteristic 17th-century 'De' variant (missing the horizontal stroke). The 'Heiqi' (Black-Plum) Patina: The surface displays a superb, translucent black-to-dark-purple 'skin' developed through centuries of natural oxidation and handling. This is the most sought-after patina for Ming bronzes, glowing with a deep, internal lustre th...

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