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A Rare and High-Status Late Ming Dynasty Bronze Tripod Censer of Lobed "Lotus" Form, Heavily Cast (572g)

Price

GBP 8,500

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Item Reference: SA1204842**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Description

A rare and high-status late Ming Dynasty bronze tripod censer of lobed "Lotus" form, weighing a remarkable 572g. For its compact 10.5cm diameter, this weight indicates an incredibly dense, multi-refined alloy—a hallmark of the "sinking bronzes" prized by 17th-century Chinese scholars. Date (Circa 1640–1690) This piece dates to the Transitional Period between the Late Ming (Chongzhen) and Early Qing (Kangxi) dynasties. This attribution is confirmed by: The Casting Density: Unlike later, thinner 18th/19th-century export pieces, this censer exhibits the massive heft and thick-walled construction of the 17th-century "Golden Age" of bronze revival. Hand-Finished Interior: Photography of the interior reveals original, irregular "chatter marks" and scraping lines. These prove the piece was manually finished on a traditional foot-lathe, consistent with 17th-century workshop practices. Architectural Balance: The "Bridge" handles (qiaoer lu) are taut and perfectly proportioned, a design intended to symbolize a bridge to higher knowledge. The Colouring & Patina The censer displays a world-class, multi-layered "Living Patina" that shifts depending on the light: Primary Surfa...

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