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A Fine Chinese Rare Imperial
Yellow-Enamelled and
Blue-Ground 'Dragon' Dish,
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Item Reference: SA1204848

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

A Fine Chinese Yellow-Enamelled and Blue-Ground 'Dragon' Dish, Guangxu Mark and Period (1875-1908) A high-quality Imperial porcelain dish measuring 19.5cm in diameter. The interior features a central medallion with a vibrant, five-clawed yellow dragon in pursuit of the flaming pearl, set against a rich cobalt-blue ground. The cavetto and exterior are further decorated with secondary "walking" dragons. The contrast between the translucent lemon-yellow enamel and the deep blue ground is exceptionally sharp and well-defined. The base bears a six-character underglaze-blue reign mark of Guangxu. Several key factors indicate this dish is of the period: Brushwork & Structure: The mark is executed in a confident, formal kaishu (regular script). Unlike the shaky or "printed" appearance of modern copies, these characters show the "bony" structure and varying brush pressure characteristic of late 19th-century Imperial kiln calligraphers. Cobalt Characteristics: The blue of the mark shows a natural "halo" effect where the mineral pigment has slightly bled into the glaze during the high-temperature firing, a sign of genuine age. Provenance: The piece retains a collector's label f...

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