

SA1205159

Chinese soapstone figure of Guanyin holding a round fan, c. 1910

Price

GBP 300

| USD \$406 | EUR 351

Item Reference: SA1205159**Date of manufacture: Edwardian**

Dimensions

Height = 20.5 cm (8.1")

Width = 6.1 cm (2.4")

Depth = 6.1 cm (2.4")

Description

A finely carved Chinese soapstone figure of Guanyin, shown as a serene female figure holding a round fan engraved with flowers. She wears flowing robes, with a long braid falling down the back and flowers arranged in an elaborate coiffure. The carving is delicate and carefully finished, with well-modelled drapery and a gentle, composed expression. The figure is carved from a richly variegated Chinese stone, with soft natural transitions from pale cream to warm honey and deeper amber-brown tones, a quality long admired in Chinese carving materials. The piece stands on a fitted carved stone stand made specifically for it and now fixed in place. The stand is carefully shaped, with a stepped form and a distinctive semicircular front element that gives the base a more architectural and visually balanced appearance. For collectors, the figure is particularly appealing as a finely carved representation of Guanyin - Guanyin Púsà (????) — combining the enduring popularity of this revered Chinese subject with attractive natural stone colour and the survival of its purpose-made fitted stand.

Measurements: Weight: 549 g Height including stand: 20.5 cm (8.1?) Stand: 6.1 × 6.1 cm (...)

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