

SA1211573

Large 19th Century Tibetan Buddhist Copper Repoussé Plaque with Silver Dragon and Ashtamangala in Brass

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1211573****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 3.5 cm (1.4")

Width = 34.5 cm (13.6")

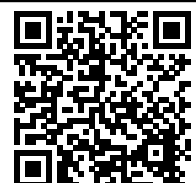
Description

A large and impressive Tibetan Buddhist plaque, 19th century, of circular dished form worked in mixed metals — copper, brass, and silver — and beautifully hand-chased throughout in high relief. The copper ground is hammered in dense, scrolling cloud (Tib. trin) motifs, the broad sloping rim shaped as a band of eight overlapping lotus petals, each enclosing a stylised lotus blossom amid swirling cloud and ribbon scrolls. The recessed central field is applied with a circular silver medallion finely repoussé with a sinuous coiled dragon among clouds in pursuit of the flaming pearl, fixed by four copper rivets, and surrounded by a ring of eight raised brass cartouches of cusped quatrefoil form, each chased with one of the Ashtamangala — the Eight Auspicious Symbols of Tibetan Buddhism: the parasol (chhatra), the pair of golden fishes (matsya), the treasure vase (kalasha), the lotus (padma), the conch shell (shankha), the endless knot (shrivatsa), the victory banner (dhvaja), and the dharma wheel (dharmachakra) — the whole encircled by a beaded brass rim. The reverse retains its hand-hammered copper surface with visible rivet ends and tool marks, attesting to traditional c...

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