

SA1214490

Large Chinese Carved Jadeite Figure with Lotus, Late Qing / Early Republic

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,089 | EUR 5,265

Item Reference: SA1214490**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 15 cm (5.9")

Width = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Depth = 11.5 cm (4.5")

Description

A large and highly decorative Chinese carved jadeite figure, dating to the late Qing / early Republic period, circa 1880–1920. The figure is carved from an attractive pale green stone with warm honey-brown natural tones, creating a particularly refined colour contrast. The natural variation of the jadeite has been used with real artistic sensitivity: the softer green areas form the figure and central body of the composition, while the warmer brownish tones enrich the surrounding leaves and lotus forms. The subject is a young figure holding a lotus, seated within a bold arrangement of large carved leaves and flowing plant forms. In Chinese symbolism, the lotus is associated with purity, harmony, renewal and good fortune. Here the motif is treated as a full sculptural composition rather than a simple decorative emblem. The figure appears to emerge naturally from the surrounding foliage, giving the piece a strong sense of movement and depth. The quality of carving is excellent. The face, hands, robe folds, leaf veins and small botanical details are all carefully worked. The stone has very good translucency: when lit from behind, the figure glows through the body of the car...

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