

SA1214502

Chinese Carved Soapstone Group of Daoist Immortals, Early 20th Century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1214502****Date of manufacture: Edwardian**

Dimensions

Height = 29 cm (11.4")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Depth = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Description

A decorative Chinese carved soapstone group dating to the early 20th century, depicting ten figures inspired by Daoist immortal traditions and arranged upon a pierced cloud-scroll and rockwork base. The composition reflects themes of longevity, prosperity and auspicious blessing, with symbolic attributes including a flute, fan, scrolls, fruit and a fish-carrying boy. The group is executed in variegated soapstone and related soft hardstones in cream, celadon-green, russet and darker tones, producing an attractive layered effect. The openwork base imitates stylised clouds and scholar's rock formations, creating strong visual rhythm and depth throughout the composition. Particularly attractive is the contrast between the pale polished figures and the darker pierced rockwork centrepiece, while the varied stone colours and theatrical arrangement give the piece strong cabinet presence. Decorative Chinese export carvings of this scale remain highly desirable for Chinoiserie interiors and collectors of Asian decorative arts. Dimensions: Height 29 cm Width 33 cm Depth 7.5 cm Weight 3420 g Condition: There are small chips, cracks and traces of old restoration in places. The fig...

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