

SA1215559

A Rare Miniature Bronze 'Elephant Head' Scholar's Censer (Xianglu) 17th Century Ming Period

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,796 | EUR 7,606

Item Reference: SA1215559**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 3.5 cm (1.4")

Width = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Description

A Rare Miniature Bronze 'Elephant Head' Scholar's Censer (Xianglu) Ming Period. Period: 17th Century (Late Ming to Early Qing Dynasty). Mark: Incised with a single-character Xuan seal mark within a square cartouche to the base. An exceptionally fine and heavily cast miniature bronze in censer (xianglu) of compressed globular gui form. This diminutive piece features a gently flared rim and a meticulously cast, short circular foot ring. The flanks are adorned with a pair of finely modelled archaistic elephant-head handles (xiàng'ěr), their trunks swept tightly inward in elegant loops to meet the body. The vessel is enveloped in a smooth, rich chocolate and olive-brown patina that boasts a wonderful silky lustre. It reveals beautiful, warm golden undertones where decades of handling have naturally highlighted the raised details of the elephant features and the rim. Sourced from a premier collection in Japan, this pocket-sized masterpiece was created specifically for the refined taste of the 17th-century literati desk, designed to burn delicate pressed incense seals during contemplation or study. It possesses an incredibly satisfying, dense, and weighted feel in the palm o...

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