

**SA1215587**

## A Rare and Heavy Late Ming Bronze 'Taotie' Mask Censer, 17th Century

Price

**GBP 6,750**

| USD \$9,117 | EUR 7,895

**Item Reference: SA1215587**

**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

## Description

A Rare and Heavy Late Ming Bronze 'Taotie' Mask Censer, 17th Century An exceptional testament to the sophisticated aesthetic of the 17th-century Chinese literary elite. This finely cast bronze incense burner of compressed Gui form rises elegantly to a flared rim, flanked by a pair of remarkably crisp, high-relief taotie lion-mask handles showcasing tight, muscular scrollwork. Originally destined for a scholar's desktop, the vessel carries an extraordinary heft, balancing a compact 13cm width with a substantial, deeply tactile weight of 467 grams. The bronze is enveloped in a magnificent, naturally aged chocolate-brown patina and bears a sharply recessed, crisp six-character Da Ming Xuan De Nian Zhi mark to the underside. A superior, highly defensive acquisition for the discerning connoisseur of Chinese works of art. Dimensions: Height: 5.5cm | Width: 13cm Handle to Handle Weight: 467g Excellent structural condition with a rich, undisturbed natural patina and historic interior oxidation consistent with age and scholarly ritual use. Available exclusively through Sandbanks Antiques Provenance Japanese - Tokyo Private Collection The G S. May Esquire Private Collectio...

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