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An Important and Published Chinese Bronze 'Yingluo' and Dragon-Handled Vase

Price

GBP 17,500

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Item Reference: SA1216614**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Description

An Important and Published Chinese Bronze 'Yingluo' and Dragon-Handled Vase Late Ming to Early Qing Dynasty, 17th Century Pictured in the Jiangutang Catalogue of Rare Treasures, ex-G S. May Esquire and Elite Japanese Gallery Collections This exceptionally cast, heavy bronze-alloy archaistic vase represents the zenith of scholar-studio taste from the 17th century, seamlessly bridging the late Ming and early Qing dynasties. Modelled after ancient ritual vessels, the piece features a flared rim, a stout ovoid body, and a splayed pedestal foot. The "Dragon Ears" Handles: The neck is flanked by two masterfully cast, openwork mythical creature handles—stylized chilong or bixie dragons—depicted with looped, dynamic bodies clambering up the neck panel towards the rim. The Yingluo Tassel Motif: The shoulders of the vessel are draped with raised, lobed ruyi cloud collars featuring internal scrollwork. Cascading elegantly down the main body are intricate strings of cast beaded tassels (yingluo), an auspicious Buddhist-inspired motif heavily favored by elite late Ming connoisseurs. Patination & Metalwork: The vessel exhibits an untouched, natural, deep chocolate-brown to near-...

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