

SA1221305

A highly decorative pair of carved gilt wood and lacquer Chinese Buddhist lions

Price

GBP 1,250

| USD \$1,692 | EUR 1,463

Item Reference: SA1221305

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

A highly decorative and beautifully hand-carved pair of Chinese Buddhist lions, presented as a traditional left- and right-handed matching pair. Each figure is raised on a stepped rectangular plinth and carved from a single section of timber, demonstrating the skill and craftsmanship of the maker. The lions are depicted in the classic guardian pose, standing proudly with one foreleg raised and the paw resting upon a large pierced ball, a symbol commonly associated with protection, power, and authority. Fine detailing is evident throughout, from the expressive facial features and flowing manes to the carefully rendered bodywork, highlighting the quality of the carving. Retaining their original gilt finish, the figures have developed a pleasing patina over time, enhancing their character and authenticity. The stepped bases are finished in contrasting red and black lacquer, providing an attractive visual complement to the gilded surfaces. Both lions remain in good condition. As is often found with antique carved timber pieces, each has developed an age-related shrinkage crack—one to the front and the other to the reverse. These have been sympathetically filled and coloured...

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