

SA1222102

Superb Japanese Meiji (early 20thC) Bronze Family of Chinese Temple Lions

Price

GBP 450

| USD \$609 | EUR 527

Item Reference: SA1222102

Date of manufacture: 1910

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 36 cm (14.2")

Depth = 14 cm (5.5")

Description

Outstanding Japanese Meiji (early 20thC) large bronze sculpture depicting a family (mother and two cubs) of temple guardian lions/lion dogs (shishi) playing with a ball. The two cubs, ball and tail are all detachable. 21cm high x 36cm wide x 14cm deep, weight 7.5kg. Nice condition and patina. Most commonly, a shishi (??) refers to the lion-like guardian statues seen at the entrances of Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples. They are stylized lion-dogs meant to ward off evil spirits.

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