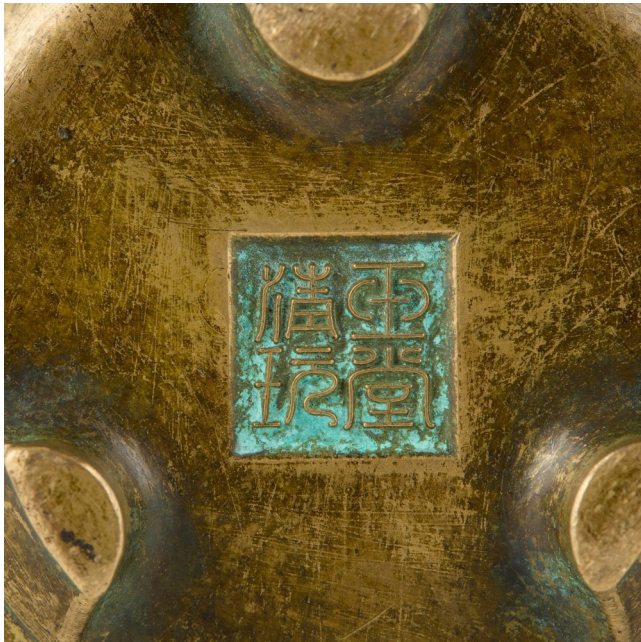


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Fine 18th Century Chinese Bronze Tripod Censer – 'Ya Tang Qing Wan' Scholar's Studio Mark

Price

GBP 2,850

| USD \$3,849 | EUR 3,335

Item Reference: SA1222982

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Description

A rare and exceptional Chinese bronze tripod censer, dating to the 18th century. This vessel is a superior example of scholarly metalwork, designed for the refined environment of a private studio. Its harmonious, compact form and remarkable density embody the prestige associated with high-quality Qing Dynasty bronze production. This piece is defined by its outstanding weight-to-size ratio; weighing a substantial 326 grams despite its 7 cm diameter, it possesses a significant, tactile heft that immediately distinguishes it from standard decorative bronzes. The alloy is of an exceptionally high-tin composition, evidenced by a bright, clear, and enduring "ring" when gently struck—a hallmark of superior traditional casting reserved for the most esteemed scholarly objects. The vessel is finished with a deep, naturally developed patina that has matured over centuries, showcasing complex, nuanced tones that highlight the master craftsmanship of the casting. The 'Ya Tang Qing Wan' Mark The underside is marked with a precisely executed four-character seal script, Ya Tang Qing Wan. This coveted studio hall mark—translated as "for refined enjoyment"—confirms the vessel was commis...

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