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Chinese double sided silk embroidery on rotating hardwood display stand, c.1920

Price

GBP 1,450

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Item Reference: SA1224727

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 31 cm (12.2")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

An outstanding example of early 20th century Chinese silk embroidery, this remarkable circular needlework showcases the extraordinary skill of the embroiderer. Executed in the highly prized double sided embroidery technique, both the front and reverse are identical in their intricate detail and flawless finish—a rare achievement that distinguishes it from the vast majority of embroidered works, which typically reveal knots and unfinished stitching on the reverse. Worked on fine translucent silk, the vibrant composition depicts a graceful pair of exotic cranes amidst richly coloured peony blooms, with fruit hanging from an overhanging tree branch. Every stitch demonstrates exceptional precision, creating a beautifully balanced scene that appears almost weightless within its silk ground. Recognising the quality of the embroidery, it has been preserved in its original carved and pierced hardwood rotating display stand, itself a work of art. The stand allows the embroidery to be admired from either side, celebrating the unique double-sided craftsmanship. Constructed in multiple sections with traditional sliding pegged joints, the stand reflects the high standard of Chinese ...

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