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Late 16th-Century Ming Dynasty Bronze Scholar's Censer with "Three Friends of Winter" Relief Panels

Price

GBP 12,500

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Item Reference: SA1226309

Date of manufacture: 16th Century

Description

Late 16th-Century Ming Dynasty Bronze Scholar's Censer with "Three Friends of Winter" Relief Panels An exceptional, masterclass scholar's bronze tripod censer dating from the late 16th-century Ming dynasty. This heavy, highly tactile vessel exemplifies the finest traditions of private literati metalwork, combining robust proportions with exquisite, finely detailed sculptural relief and an extraordinary, resonant musical ring when struck, sounding just like a bell. Proportions & Weight Ratio: Measuring 11.5 cm in height and 13.5 cm in width, the censer possesses a remarkable and reassuring heft, weighing a substantial 1,996 kg. This impressive density reflects thick, high-quality bronze walls engineered to support deep, complex undercutting without warping or structural compromise. Side Panels & Botanical Iconography: The compressed globular body is punctuated by two opposing, distinctly framed rectangular cartouches featuring crisp, high-relief naturalistic scenes representing the "Three Friends of Winter". One side displays gnarled pine branches with intricately clustered needle whorls and textured bark over rolling groundlines, while the opposing side showcases ri...

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