

SA1230038

Ancient Chinese Han Dynasty Painted Pottery Tiger Mythical Beast Guardian Figure

Price

GBP 1,250

| USD \$1,704 | EUR 1,459

Item Reference: SA1230038

Date of manufacture: Pre 16th century

Dimensions

Height = 35.5 cm (14.0")

Width = 43.1 cm (17.0")

Depth = 15.2 cm (6.0")

Description

Ancient Chinese Han Dynasty Painted Pottery Tiger Mythical Beast Guardian Figure Brief Description: This is a wonderful and highly decorative Chinese painted pottery figure depicting a mythical beast or guardian animal, presented in the distinctive style associated with ancient Chinese funerary sculpture. The striking animal is portrayed standing upon four powerful legs, with an elongated arched neck, raised head, open mouth and a wonderful long, curled tail. Of particular appeal is the extensive surviving polychrome decoration, with traces of earthy red, green, grey and ochre pigments creating a striped and wonderfully characterful appearance across the body. The surface displays considerable age-related wear, pigment loss, encrustation and weathering, giving the piece a wonderfully evocative archaeological appearance. Figures of this nature were traditionally produced as mingqi, or funerary objects, which were placed within ancient Chinese tombs to accompany and protect the deceased in the afterlife. The wonderfully animated stance and almost fantastical appearance of the creature make this an especially eye-catching piece, displaying beautifully from virtually e...

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