

SA1230072

Large Chinese Shang Dynasty Style Ritual Bronze 'HE' Wine Vessel with Human Face

Price

GBP 1,090

| USD \$1,475 | EUR 1,274

Item Reference: SA1230072

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 30.4 cm (12.0")

Width = 26.6 cm (10.5")

Depth = 35 cm (13.8")

Description

Large Chinese Shang Dynasty Style Ritual Bronze 'HE' Wine Vessel with Human Face Brief Description: This is a spectacular and highly unusual large Chinese archaic-style bronze vessel, modelled in the form of a wonderfully expressive mythical horned beast. A truly remarkable decorative object, the vessel features an enormous anthropomorphic face with prominent flared horns, raised eyebrows, projecting eyes, broad nose and stylised ears, giving the piece an extraordinary presence when viewed from the front. The bulbous body is extensively decorated with intricate archaistic motifs, scrolling designs and geometric borders, while a prominent tubular spout projects from the centre of the lower body. Of particular appeal is the wonderful naturally aged surface, displaying extensive green and turquoise verdigris, oxidation and areas of exposed metal, creating a superb archaeological appearance and tremendous depth of character. The design appears to draw inspiration from the extraordinary ritual bronzes of ancient China, particularly the fantastic animal and taotie-inspired masks that feature so prominently within early Chinese bronze art. It is a substantial and extremel...

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