

SA1230986

Monumental Chinese carved hardwood sculpture of a Guardian King (Lokapala)

Price

GBP 1,695

| USD \$2,311 | EUR 1,978

Item Reference: SA1230986

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 72 cm (28.3")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 27 cm (10.6")

Description

A monumental and superbly detailed Chinese hand carved hardwood figure group depicting the powerful Guardian King, Lokapala (known in China as Tianwang). Historically adopted into Chinese Tang Dynasty spiritual traditions, these celestial guardians were fiercely tasked with warding off malevolent forces and safeguarding the deceased. This exceptionally fine and rare large scale example captures Lokapala in a commanding, dynamic stance. He bears a fierce, wrathful expression to terrify evil spirits, wielding a drawn sword in one hand while clad in incredibly elaborate, high relief ceremonial armour. He stands triumphantly atop crouching demons and defeated spirits, a powerful symbolic representation of order conquering chaos. Masterfully sculpted from a substantial and dense block of hardwood, this impressive figure group exhibits fantastic depth and movement. It survives in excellent original condition, boasting a rich, deep wood grain and an outstanding historical patination. • Origin: China • Period: Late Qing Dynasty / Republic Period, circa 1900 • Iconography: Lokapala / Tianwang (Heavenly King / Guardian Spirit) • Condition: Good antique condition with no structur...

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