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Antique Chinese Carved Water Buffalo Horn Libation Cup, Immortals and Pine, c.1880

Price

GBP 400

| USD \$545 | EUR 467

Item Reference: SA1231009

Date of manufacture: 1880

Description

An authentic late 19th-century Chinese carved libation cup, handcrafted from water buffalo horn, circa 1880. The material is horn from the domesticated water buffalo (*Bubalus bubalis*); it is not ivory and not from any protected species. The tradition of carved Chinese libation cups has a long history, with elaborate horn vessels for drinking wine and other libations becoming widespread from the Ming dynasty onward and later developing into prized objects among scholars and collectors. The vessel has a beautifully contoured asymmetric rim enriched with finely carved decoration. One side is formed with a prominent loop handle carved as the trunk and branches of an old pine tree. Please study the accompanying photographs carefully as they form an integral part of this description. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them. The item will be shipped with full tracking and insurance. The exterior is deeply carved in high relief with a continuous panoramic landscape depicting the traditional Daoist Immortals in a Pine Forest theme. The multi-figure composition features a scholar standing beside an altar table with an incense burner, together with a seated bea...

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