

SA1232285

A Fine Chinese White Jade Carving of a Recumbent Mythical Beast Late 18th/Early 19th Century

Price

GBP 3,950

| USD \$5,385 | EUR 4,609

Item Reference: SA1232285

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Width = 8.5 cm (3.3")

Description

A Fine Chinese White Jade Carving of a Recumbent Mythical Beast Late 18th / Early 19th Century Presented is a superb Chinese white jade carving of a recumbent mythical beast (Bixie), masterfully sculpted from a dense, pale nephrite stone with a characteristic greasy, waxy luster. The creature is rendered in a classic resting posture, its powerful head turned attentively forward with finely incised details, delicate facial features, and stylized curls framing the brow and flanks. The spine is defined by a rhythmic series of ridge-like elements, flowing down toward a gracefully fanned, swept tail tucked neatly against the body. The execution exhibits the fluid undercutting, soft muscular contours, and refined craftsmanship associated with high-grade lapidary work from the late 18th to early 19th century. Possessing a substantial and satisfying heft in the hand, this piece exemplifies the classic scholar's desk plaything (wanwu) tradition. Period: Late 18th / Early 19th Century Material: Fine White Nephrite Jade Length: 8.5 cm Weight: 115 grams Provenance: The G S. May Esquire Private Collection, London

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