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Early 20th Century Sino-Tibetan Gilt Bronze Jambhala Seated on a Lion

Price

GBP 2,000

| USD \$2,727 | EUR 2,334

Item Reference: SA1232854**Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 18.5 cm (7.3")

Width = 16.5 cm (6.5")

Depth = 10.8 cm (4.3")

Description

An unusually substantial and richly finished Sino-Tibetan gilt-bronze sculptural group depicting Jambhala, the Buddhist deity associated with prosperity, abundance and the removal of material and spiritual obstacles. The deity is seated in a commanding pose upon a Buddhist lion. His attributes identify him most plausibly as Yellow Jambhala. In his right hand he holds a bijapuraka, or citron-like fruit, an emblem of fertility and abundance. His left hand supports a long-tailed mongoose, which in Himalayan Buddhist iconography disgorges precious jewels and symbolises inexhaustible wealth and the conquest of greed. A carefully modelled accumulation of jewels appears beneath the deity. The lion represents courage, sovereign authority and the protective power of Buddhist teaching. It is particularly notable for its vigorous modelling, expressive head, individually articulated paws, carefully worked mane and curling tail. Its deliberately applied red polychromy, combined with blue accents and painted details on the deity, gives the composition a considerably richer and more animated appearance than more routinely finished gilt-bronze examples. The quality of workmanship is e...

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