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Large Chinese Qianlong
Dynasty (1736-95) blue and
white vase.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA314399

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 61 cm (24.0")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 23 cm (9.1")

Description

A large 18th century Chinese porcelain baluster shaped vase, the cover possibly associated, the neck decorated in underglaze cobalt blue with stiff plantain leaves above a key fret border and a band of ruyi heads, over two four clawed dragons writhing amongst chrysanthemums and lotus scrolls etc. with Ming style lappet base. The dragon in Chinese mythology is lord of the skies and benevolent bringer of rain. In addition, therefore, to symbolising authority, strength and goodness, as of the emperor, it is also symbolic of fecundity and fertility. The lotus conveys the notion of happiness in maturity, creative power and genius. In nature the lotus grows in muddy water but emerges clean from it, thus symbolising purity in adversity. SIZE: 61 cm tall (25 inches). PROVENANCE: Private Collection, Cheltenham. CONDITION: Although suffering from some chips and old poor quality repairs, this vase is of an impressive size and has considerable beauty and presence, the damages not being obtrusive.

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