

SA463823

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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA463823

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 33 cm (13.0")

Width = 26 cm (10.2")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

Superb pair of late C19th Chinese Cantonese intricately carved nacre shells mounted on their original bespoke period carved hardwood stands. Brilliantly carved 'mother of pearl' or nacre sea-shells with continuous intricate richly detailed designs all over the interior nacre-shell lustre surfaces. The contrasting landscape scenes depicting fantastical Chinese life with mountains and pagodas, one with warriors at battle to the centre. One shell with a beautifully detailed carved fish to the edge. Displayed upon their original detachable carved blackwood or hardwood stands, with flower-stem and peony flower-head decoration. The quality of the workmanship being the finest of its type we have seen. H (full) 13" H (shell) 8" D 3" W 10.5" China, Canton c.1890

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