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Antique Turkmen Engsi, Ersary Tribes, Middle Amu Darya Region, Turkmenistan, Central Asia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA742626

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 204 cm (80.3")

Width = 152 cm (59.8")

Description

This incredibly handsome engsi (yurt-door rug) was made by Ersary Turkmen in the Middle Amu Darya region around 1870-1880. Particularly rare to find in these 19th century engsis, are the plain-weave skirts at top and bottom and an extremely attractive elem (lower knotted-pile panel) - quite possibly a stylised tree design. The colours are beautiful with a wonderful use of sky-blue throughout. The engsi was the door-hanging at the entrance to the Turkmen yurt and symbolically represented the gateway to Paradise with the elem representing the sky-door and the pre-Islamic cross creating the four symbolic gardens of Paradise. This fabulous engsi is in very good overall condition and a very collectable rug. Size: 2.04m x 1.52m (6' 8" x 5' 0").

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