

SA949005

Kurdish Rug With Lions, Circa
1880, 2.12m x 1.10m (84' x 42')

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA949005

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 212 cm (83.5")

Width = 110 cm (43.3")

Description

Woven in Bidjar, a town in Persian Kurdistan, in the last quarter of the 19th century, this fascinating rug displays the typical technical characteristics of Bidjar rugs from that period with fine wool, depressed warps, and wonderful natural dyes. But what makes it so special are the repeating pairs of lions woven in a speckled light blue, both facing each other and addorsed. Lions are often seen in Persian art and are a symbol of Persian national identity. But they are rarely depicted in this heraldic manner standing on their hind legs. In addition, other elements in the field design, the strapwork, and other motifs, add to the intrigue. This rug has survived in excellent original condition, with full pile throughout. The freshness of the colours is astonishing, a testament to the skills of the old Kurdish dye makers.

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