



FAN FORM BAT TRAY

\$2,380

c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Birch • Collection #BJA021

W: 15.0" D: 7.0" H: 0.75"

Hand-carved from birchwood, this exquisite tray is an excellent example of 19th-century art from China's Shanxi province. The tray is shaped in the form of a paper fan, an accessory that emerged in China over 3,000 years ago and gained symbolic importance as status symbols and canvases for works of art. The corners of this fan form tray are adorned with carvings of auspicious bats, traditional symbols of happiness and joy.



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