



WISH FOR LONGEVITY HANDSCROLL BY CAO QI

\$4,680

1746 • China • Collection #CMKH041

W: 31.25" D: 2.0" H: 55.75"

Cao Qi, a noted 18th century Chinese painter frequently painted traditional florals. This unusual ink painting of an almost mythical cat poised on a mountain by Cao Qi was likely painted in honor of a birthday. We know this because the Mandarin word for cat is the homonym for the word symbolizing a wish for longevity. Each of the four seasons are represented in the finely rendered flowers. The blossoming narcissus are associated with a promise for Spring, good luck and growth. The scroll is dated 1746. The characters in the upper right are a poem alluding to nature, hope and a long life. Continued...



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