



LATE MING DYNASTY STONE LIONS

\$6,800

c. 1600 • Sichuan, China • Stone • Collection #PD74642312

W: 5.0" D: 9.0" H: 16.0"

Stone lions have been used by the Chinese as guardians against evil elements since the Han Dynasty. Through different dynasties, the shape, form and decorative motives change and evolve from abstract to realistic to stylistic, incorporating symbolism and human expression to convey different emotions. The flowing ribbons found in the mouth of this pair represent that the pair has been domesticated. The flapping ears show alertness and energy, while the downward ears show a more relaxed and secure stature. The pair still retains some of the old pigments on the back. Continued...



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The shape and form of the base are of the Northern Chinese tradition.



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