



MONKEY ON HORSE SHOEMAKER'S WEIGHT

\$1,880

c. 1900 • Northern China, China • Ceramic • Collection #BJGG016

W: 9.0" D: 4.5" H: 6.5"

Cloaked in a multicolored drip glaze, this ceramic object would have been used in an early 20th-century shoemaker's shop to press down large pieces of leather. Doubling as a handle, the central figures depict a monkey riding on the back of a horse. The scene conveys the popular idiom *ma shang feng hou* (馬上封侯), a pun that translates as "to immediately be invested with a rank of nobility." Perhaps originally used to imbue a new pair of shoes with blessings of quick success and prosperity, this beautiful shoemaker's weight lives on as storied sculptural object. Continued...



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