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REVERSE GLASS PAINTING AND MIRROR

\$188

1875 • Northern China, China • Paint, Wood, Glass • Collection #Q154

W: 8.0" D: 0.05" H: 11.0"

A silvery mirror now conceals the remarkable flipped image of this reverse glass painting. Lending the finished work a subtle three-dimensional effect, painting on the opposite side of a glass pane requires the artist to work in reverse. In this case, the fine lines and details of the family seated upon a dragon are painted first, followed by the background and coloring. A challenge to the artist's skill, this exacting technique doesn't allow for any corrections, and is only revealed to its full effect when the glass pane is turned around. Continued...



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While the framed painting could stand in as an antique mirror, we think you'll want to hang this one with its best side forward.



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