PAGODA RED









SCROLL WITH FOREST DEER

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c. 1850 • China • Pigment, Fabric • Collection #CMKH020 W: 31.0" D: 2.5" H: 80.0"

Chinese scholars used natural imagery and scenery to aid in contemplation within the walls of their studios. The inherent meaning carried by animals and natural forms inspired clear and concise thinking. In the case of this scroll, the deer is alert, oriented away from the viewer as though deciding whether to bound into the surrounding grasses. Deer traditionally symbolize prosperity, for their wonderful but fleeting nature. Continued...

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This implication combines with the attentive quality captured on the scroll to instill a sense of careful consideration for the desired aspects of life that are most difficult to grasp.