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## **SMALL STONE SHIZI PROTECTOR**

## \$1,480

c. 1800 • Northern China, China • Limestone • Collection #S152A W: 7.0" D: 11.0" H: 14.25"

This early 19th-century mythical shizi sculpture once protected a Qing-dynasty home in northern China. Shizi, also known as fu lion dogs, were believed to be powerful protectors against malignant spirits, and the artisan who hand-carved this shizi imbued it with a remarkable sense of life and energy. Carved from solid limestone, the sculpture has developed rich character over time, yet retains its original exquisite detail. Today, we love the shizi as a modern protector indoors or out.