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Chinese blanc de chine libation cup, Kangxi (1662-1722) POA

Chinese blanc de chine libation cup, Kangxi (1662-1722), with flared rim, on a moulded foot in the form of twisted branches, with applied boughs of flowering prunus.

Diameter: 10.5cm (4 1/8in.); height: 7cm. (2 3/4in.)

Condition: one small crack on either side of cup where branch splits and joins foot

Notes: For illustrated examples of similar blanc de chine cups see Ayers, John, 'Chinese and Japanese Works of Art in the Collection of Her Majesty the Queen' vol 1, p.73 pl.112-125. Traditionally, libation cups were used as communal drinking vessels at important ceremonial occasions. The prunus on this example represents the start of spring after a long cold winter.

Provenance: The base with R.G. label with stock number 316.

Material and Porcelai Technique

Porcelain with applied decoration

Origin

Chinese

Condition

Excellent

Dimensions

Height: 7cm. (2 3/4in.)

Diameter

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10.5cm (4 1/8in.)

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