



A PAIR OF RARE CHINESE 'MALLET FORM' VASES POA

An extremely rare pair of mallet form vases with double gourd neck, the body decorated in brilliant shades of cobalt blue with flowering plants issuing from stylised rockwork above which two birds in flight, all between double blue bands, the shoulder with a band of peony sprays below a cafe-au-lait raised gourd, above which a second smaller gourd with sprays of flowers, the elongated neck repeating the decoration on the body, the slightly flaring neck with a band of hatch work, the base glazed.

Period: Kangxi (1662 - 1722)

Footnote:

For a variation on this form vase see the 1721 Inventory of the Augustus the Strong collection, at the Zwinger Museum, Dresden, here, Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden, Inventory no. 324, N. 6. incised, N 112 [Zigzag line], 'Blue-and-White East Indian porcelain'.

The mallet form of the present vases is rare. For an associated double gourd-shaped neck see our pair of triple gourd vases, here.

Origin	Chinese
Period	17th Century
Dimensions	Height: 19.6cms and 20cms

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