

A VERY IMPORTANT IMPERIAL BRONZE BELL "BOZHONG".

China, Qianlong, dated 1761, height 85 cm. Inscription by emperor Qianlong.

In 1761 eleven archaic bells were found by shepherds in Linjiang and then transferred to the court in Beijing. Emperor Qianlong was very pleased and had a twelfth bell made to complete the set. For more detailed information please refer to our special catalogue.

Qianlong hatte zu jener Zeit gerade Xinjiang unter seine Kontrolle gebracht und interpretierte den Fund als gutes Omen. Deshalb liess er für das Glockenset extra einen Pavilion errichten und verfasste mehrere Gedichte über die Glocken.

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