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CERTIFICATE

PAIR OF LADIES-IN-WAITING CHINA - TANG DYNASTY (AD 618-907)

MATERIAL AND METHOD: pair of statuette moulded in pinkish terra cotta and covered with a slip in orange tones. The two women have a modest pose, the hands joined and smiling, waiting to serve. They wear an elaborate chignon and the traditional, high-waisted dress with a wide ruff around the shoulders. Signs of erosion, some missing bits and scratches due to age. Possible ancient repairs. Very fine condition.

ORIGIN: The Tang Dynasty saw a golden age in China, when their people loved dancing, singing and entertaining themselves. They also loved the company of women, the fashions that they invented and their well-studied make-up. Tang women always wore very elaborated chignons and sometimes also quite eccentric shoes. The long dresses were the most often in flowing silk and that flattered their silhouette.

MEASUREMENTS: A/Height: 27.5 cm (10.82'')

B/Height: 25.5 cm (10.03'')

THERMOLUMINESCENCE TEST from the QED Laboratory confirms the dating, Test N° Qed1514/FC-0107.

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