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CERTIFICATE

FANTASTIC LION-DOG FIGURINE IN BRONZE TIBETAN/NEPALESE (AD 16th. 17th cent.)

MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE: A hollow fabricated mythical lion-dog standing on all four legs. The head tilted upwards, mouth open, collar to the neck with bell on the chest. Openwork wings to the shoulders and hips, clawed feet. The tail S-curved with supporting bar.

ORIGIN: Nepal/tibet

Known as *Singha* these statues stand at the entrance to Buddhist and Hindu temples in Nepal and are protectors against evil spirits. The left *Singha* is male, and the right, female. The widely opened mouth, sharp teeth, and their gorgonizing glare represents the power to repel evil.

DIMENSIONS: Height: 31 cm - Width: 26 cm - Weight : 3,7 kg

CULTURAL PASSPORT: supplied with an export licence issued by the French Ministry of Culture number 189813, allowing this piece to travel worldwide.

MUSEOGRAPHY: two similar lion-dogs are in exhibition nowadays in The National Museum of Vietnamese History.

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