



TWO-DAY AUCTION - Fine Chinese Art / 中國藝術集珍 / Buddhism & Hinduism (CA0321)

Fri, 5th Mar 2021

Lot 47

Starting price: €250

Estimate: €500

A CARNELIAN 'ROOSTER' PENDANT, 1ST MILLENNIUM AD 第一個千年紅玉髓雞形挂件

China. Carved as a rooster with a pierced three-pointed comb, eyes, beak, wings, and plumage neatly incised. The stone of an appealing, warm cinnabar tone with cloudy-white inclusions.

Provenance: German private collection.

Condition: Small nicks, losses, areas of erosion. The stone with natural fissures, some of which may have developed into small cracks over time. Fine patina.

Weight: 81.9 g

Dimensions: Height 6.5 cm, Length 8 cm

Expert's note: The lapidary's skillful use of the stone's natural structure for accentuations in the composition of this piece, as seen in the rooster's tail and head, and the neatly applied incision work clearly prove the Chinese origin of the piece. The evident use of primitive tools to carve and decorate the pendant, as well as the fine craftsmanship exhibited by the carving, suggest a dating to the Han dynasty (202 BC to 220 AD). However, scholarship on semi-precious stone carvings, apart from jade and agate, is scant and examples are extremely rare. The broad dating given in the title of this lot is meant as an impetus to stimulate further study of this subject.

Auction result comparison: Compare with a related ornament at Sotheby's Hong Kong in Chinese Art, including Snuff Bottles and Jades from an old Hong Kong Family Collection on 28 November 2019, lot 791, **sold for HKD 50,000,000.**

第一個千年紅玉髓雞形挂件

中國。雕成一隻公雞，頭頂雞冠，眼睛，喙，翅膀和羽毛整齊雕刻。令人陶醉的溫暖硃砂色調紅玉髓，帶有白色絮狀內沁。

來源：德國私人收藏

品相：小缺口，缺損失，侵蝕區域。天然裂縫，隨著時間的流逝，其中一些可能會發展成小裂縫。良好的包漿。

重量：81.9 克

尺寸：高6.5 厘米，長8 厘米