Decorative two-handled antique Chinese solid silver tea tray

Hung Chong

£4,600



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Width: 385 mm (15.16")

Depth: 280 mm (11.02")

Weight: 1139 g

Description

Lovely handmade decorative silver tea tray with an abundant border of hand-chased chrysanthemum flowers and foliage and a hand-engraved surface surrounding the central panel. It rests on four supports. The floral decoration reflects the four primary decorative elements that appear throughout Chinese decorative arts - the chrysanthemum, prunus, orchid and bamboo. They represent the four seasons - where chrysanthemum embodies autumn - and are also known as the Four Noble Ones or The Four Gentlemen.

Hung Chong & Co was a prominent Chinese silversmith and retailer, based in Shanghai and operating between 1830 and 1925 making high quality silverware which was often richly decorated with floral motifs made with repoussé relief detailing. Synonymous with opulence and elegance, silverware by Hung Chong is still highly sought after.