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"LOVEBIRDS" BLUE AND WHITE PHOENIX TAIL VASE

\$1,480

c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Porcelain • Collection #CKB009

H: 23.25" Dia: 8.75"

Replete with joyous symbols for a happy marriage, this white porcelain phoenix tail vase was likely given as a newlywed gift. Lavishly decorated with pale washes and deep pools of cobalt blue, the vase depicts a pair of magpies, symbols of double happiness, perched on an auspicious spirit stone formation in a lush garden setting. Glorious chrysanthemums on either side foretell a long and healthy union. An example of the unique blue-and-white process, this vase's beautiful decoration is painted on with a grayish-black pigment that emerges from the kiln a deep, luminous blue.



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