



"POETS IN THE GARDEN" BLUE AND WHITE PHOENIX TAIL VASE

\$1,380

c. 1900 • China • Porcelain • Collection #CMK045

W: 7.0" D: 7.0" H: 16.0"

One of the primary functions of the Chinese garden was to provide a setting for literary gatherings, places where poets and scholars convened with nature and commemorated the affair with poetry. Freely brushed in cobalt blue on white porcelain, this delightful vase depicts a scholar and his attendants in a garden. The artist's deft hand animates the figures, capturing the sway of the scholar caught in a breeze and the impish grins of the attending boys. The spill of peaches at their feet suggests the bounty of the season and extends a wish of longevity.



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