PAGODA RED







BRONZE GARUDA OPIUM WEIGHT

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Southeast Asia • Bronze • Collection #CESB027C W: 3.25" D: 1.0" H: 3.5"

This 19th c. bronze figurine is cast in the form of Garuda, a demigod and mythical king of birds in Hindu and Buddhist faith. Taking the form of half-bird half man, Garuda is a powerful protector and ever-watchful enemy of the serpent. This Garuda was originally used as a weight to measure quantities of opium. It is depicted here with a beaked face and wings outstretched, polished to a high shine with gold color.