PAGODA RED









FOLK QILIN DRAWING

\$1,880

c. 1900 • Northern China, China • Linen, Paint, Northern Elmwood • Collection #T088 W: 44.0" D: 1.0" H: 36.5"

Beautifully detailed and masterfully painted, this painting dating from the turn of the 20th century centers its expressive composition upon a rondel of Chinese symbols. Representing prosperity, a pair of exuberant children cavorts in a fantastical landscape. One rides a sensitively portrayed qilin, a mythological lion-like dragon who represents joy and benevolence, the other child waves a banner inscribed with the message "Good luck for your future." Painted on muslin, the work is presented in a stunning green-tinted Elmwood frame.