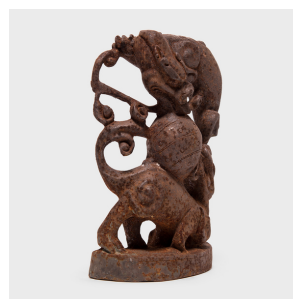
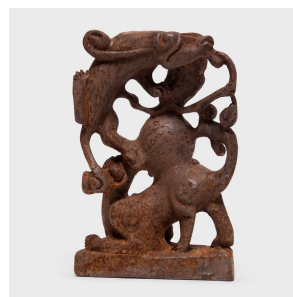
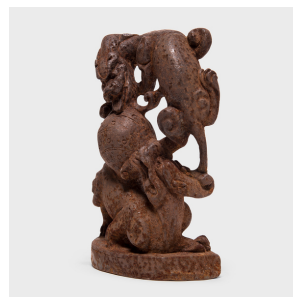
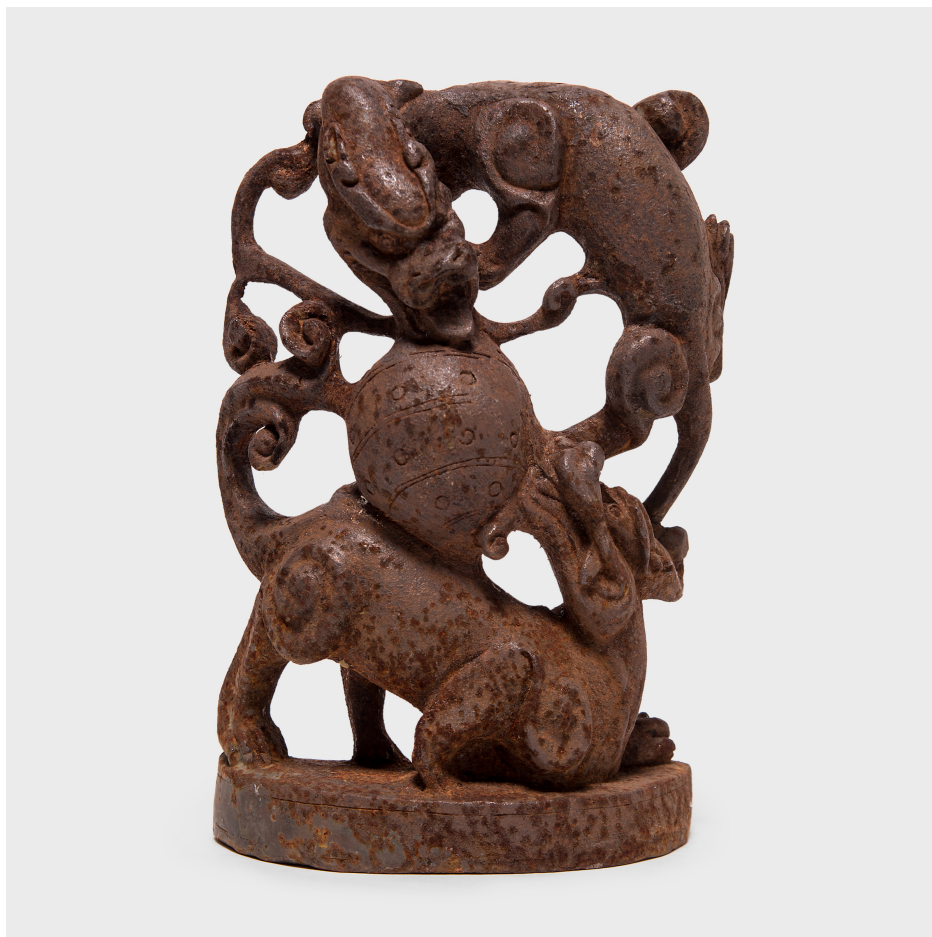

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c. 1900 • Northern China, China • Cast Iron • Collection #BJGG015

W: 7.25" D: 3.25" H: 11.0"

This cast iron sculpture is an architectural finial that originally topped a Qing-dynasty building in northern China. The decorative fragment depicts two auspicious qilin, mythical Chinese creatures thought to bring luck and protection. Qilin are often depicted with lion-like features, though with the head of a dragon, hooves of a deer, and full, feathery tails. Divine and peaceful creatures, qilin are believed to be benevolent protectors of those with good intentions. Continued...



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These two qilin are shown playing with an embroidered ball, a motif comparable to dragons fighting over the flaming pearl of supremacy.



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