
PAGODA RED



PAIR OF FINE YOKE BACK ARMCHAIRS WITH BAMBOO CARVINGS

\$8,800

c. 1800 • China • Northern Elmwood • Collection #PRA006

W: 22.5" D: 18.5" H: 43.25"

With exemplary proportions, fine carvings, and soft, fluid lines, this pair of early 19th century armchairs are among the most elegant in our collection. The chairs are designed in a traditional style known as a "yoke-back chair," defined by a tall back, curved arms, a flat back yoke, and a protruding top crest rail. Their finely carved backsplats and aprons are adorned with bamboo detailing, a motif for winter and longevity as well as a reference to early Chinese furniture forms made from steamed and bent bamboo. Continued...



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The crest rail is carved in relief with a large bat, a motif for happiness and success. Once coated by a dark lacquer finish, the chairs have developed a beautifully patinated surface that accentuates the fine grain of northern elm (yumu).



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