PAGODA RED









RED LACQUER PRESENTATION BOX

\$2,480

c. 1850 • China • Pigment, Wood, Lacquer • Collection #CFC140 H: 4.5" Dia: 15.0"

This beautiful red lacquer box was once presented as a gift, filled with popular snacks like roasted melon seeds, dried fruit, and cinnamon-toasted soy beans. The lightweight box is shaped like a flower and contains nine interior trays, one for each petal and a round tray in the center. The red lacquer exterior is finely painted with the ribbon-clad accessories of the Eight Immortals of Taoism, including a palm leaf fan, a double gourd flask, and a pair of castanets. Continued...

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These auspicious objects are surrounded by fluffy clouds and plum blossoms and colored by traces of the original gilt pigmentation.