

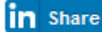
Josean Ceramics at Gianguan Auctions Asia Week Sale

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(ArtfixDaily.com) Korean ceramics—a relatively rare breed among the Asian porcelains treasured by Western collectors—make an appearance Gianguan Auctions' March 11 Asia Week sale. The collection of water droppers and vases can be previewed now at Gianguan Auctions, 39 West 56th Street, or online at www.gianguanauctions.com.



With the Josean Dynasty (1392-1897) came an aesthetic of form, simplicity and whimsy that recast the design of everyday objects. Notable are the Korean water droppers used to add water to the ink stones of 19th century literati. For example, Lot 283 is a lion-form water dropper with suppressed spout. It is white accentuated by brown ridges and relief at head and tail. The 3" X 3" desk accessory is estimated at \$1,000.

In stark contrast, Lot 282 is an octagonal water dropper in the shape of a dish with spout. Glazed with white crackle, the 1 1/4" X 2 1/4" collectible will go off at about \$500.

Meanwhile, blue on white decorates Lot 280, a circular water dropper of compressed form. It is painted with Daoist trigrams representing the fundamental principles of reality around a yin/yang symbol. 2.3" X 2 1/4". It will attract interest at \$400.

Lot 281 is shaped like a peach, symbol of longevity, and decorated with blue floral flourishes on the top of a white crackle glaze body. Merely 1 3/4" X 2", it is a gem and very collectible at \$500.

Two vases, also of the Josean Dynasty, illustrate excellence in both the potter and the painter's crafts. Lot 279 is a lantern form vase with a dramatic battle scene rendered in blue on a celadon ground. The 9" vase is estimated at a high of \$1,500.

Closing out the Korean ceramics, Lot 279 is a jar with cover that brings together highly sensitive copper red and cobalt blue in an overall pattern of waves. Blue cartouches decorate the shoulder. The body is surmounted by a copper red cover finished with a blue finial. It is expected to command \$1,500.

Gianguan Auctions' Asia Week sale features strong collections of Chinese ceramics, historical and contemporary scroll paintings, and elaborate carved jades and stones. For the full catalog, please visit www.gianguanauctions.com.

For condition reports on the Korean ceramics and other properties, contact the Gallery Director at 212-867-7288 or email info@gianguanauctions.com. The auction will be conducted live at the gallery, 39 W. 56th Street, and online at invaluable.com and liveauctioneers.com on the first Saturday of Asia Week. Bidding begins at 10 a.m. Previews are in progress now through Friday, March 10.

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Abstract lion-form Korean water dropper. 3" X 3". Gianguan Auctions. Lot 283



Korean ceramic red and blue jar decorated overall with waves. Gianguan Auctions. Lot 279



Josean Dynasty water dropper with floral flourishes. Gianguan Auctions. Lot 281