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Title Soup Tureen

Date 1800-1880

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Drape-molded Chinese export porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Description Rectangular, Chinese export porcelain soup tureen and lid with hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue decoration. The tureen and lid were most likely not created as a set, as the character and quality of their decoration are different. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots and gouges on the tureen and lid. Tureen (.a): A Chinese landscape appears on the outside of the two longer sides of the tureen. The landscape shows a house or pagoda on a rocky island with trees. Small ships are on the river in the foreground. The foot of the tureen has a border with varied geometric patterns. Two molded handles

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in the shape of boars heads have been applied to the ends of the tureen. A long hairline crack runs halfway around the inside of the tureen, parallel to the foot.

One of the ears on one of the boars' head handles is missing. Lid (.b): A Chinese landscape appears on the top of the lid, with a molded and applied finial in the middle. The landscape shows a willow tree with a Chinese structure to the right and a bridge in the foreground. A river with a Chinese junk runs through the landscape, with houses, hills, and mountains in the distance. The central landscape is surrounded by a series of borders. The landscape is surrounded by a field of white and then a "Canton" border, consisting of a scalloped line with parallel lines of hatching running inside. The "Canton" border is surrounded by another line of blue with darker blue lines creating a pattern of diamonds and stars inside.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 8 3/4 x 13 x 8 1/2in. (22.2 x 33 x 21.6cm)