

Basic Detail Report

Title Platter

Date mid 19th century

Primary Maker Unknown

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

Description Rectangular, Chinese export porcelain platter with hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue decoration showing a Chinese landscape; the platter is a type of Chinese export porcelain known as Cantonware. The central Chinese landscape consists of a willow tree in the center with a Chinese structure to the right. A Chinese junk floats on a river that runs through the landscape, with a bridge in the foreground and houses, hills, and trees in the distance. The central landscape is surrounded by a series of borders. First, there is a band of blue with darker blue lines creating a diamond pattern inside. This border 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 a band of gilding, and then another band of blue with darker lines creating a diamond pattern inside. Additional overglaze gilding is applied at the rim of the platter. There are only two spots of minor wear to the gilding at the rim of the platter. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots on the surface of the platter.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 1 7/8 x 17 3/8 x 14 1/4 in. (4.8 x 44.1 x 36.2cm)