

Basic Detail Report

Title Dish

Date mid 19th century

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

Description Small, rectangular Chinese export porcelain dish hand-painted with underglaze cobalt blue decoration showing a Chinese landscape; the dish is a type of Chinese export porcelain known as Cantonware. The central Chinese landscape consists of a willow tree with a Chinese structure to the right. A junk floats on a river that runs through the scene, with a bridge in the foreground and mountains, houses, and trees in the background. 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 stars and diamonds inside. Additional gilding has been applied at the rim and foot of the dish. There is some wear to the gilding at the edge of the dish, especially at the corners. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots on the surface of the dish. There are three small chips on the foot of the dish.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 1 3/4 x 9 x 7 1/8in. (4.4 x 22.9 x 18.1cm)