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KOREAN WEDDING CHEST

\$1,280

c. 1920 • South Korea • Wood, Brass, Lacquer • Collection #CMRC006B

W: 22.75" D: 11.0" H: 15.75"

This lacquered wedding chest dates to the early 20th century and was likely originally used as a bridewealth chest during a traditional Korean wedding ceremony. The exterior is finished with red and black lacquer and decorated with two round medallions conveying blessings of luck (福) and longevity (寿). The medallions are surrounded by raised decoration resembling folk paper-cuts in the shape of floral wreaths and phoenixes. The chest opens from the top, secured with a brass lock plate in the form of a butterfly, a traditional symbol of a life of prosperity and joy. Continued...



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Vintage newsprint lines the interior and a low four-leg base keeps the chest off the floor.

Original pin closure has been lost.

