PAGODA RED









PHOENIX AND AUSPICIOUS FRUIT CANOPY PAINTING

\$4,280

c. 1850 • Guangdong, China • Pine • Collection #DVDD022 W: 71.25" D: 1.5" H: 49.25"

The owners of this work of art were likely the only two people in the world lucky enough to have access to its beauty. The experience of art itself can be an intimate one, and this bed canopy, hand-painted 100 years ago by an artist in Canton, was more intimate than most. It brings to life symbols of prosperity and good fortune for a married couple: the phoenix to represent joy and peace, pomegranates to wish for descendants, and citrons, sometimes called "Buddha's Hand," to bestow longevity and happiness.