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BURMESE YUN STACKING BETEL BOX

$380

c. 1900 • Burma • Bamboo, Lacquer • Collection #CBH092

H: 6.75″ Dia: 7.25″

In many southeast Asian cultures, offering guests a betel quid to chew was the fundamental symbol of hospitality. A blend of leaves, nuts, seasonings, and sometimes tobacco, betel was kept in finely worked and decorated boxes. Crafted in early 20th-century Burma, this round betel box is decorated in a style known as "yun" ware. Cloaked in layer upon layer of brilliant red-orange cinnabar lacquer, the box was then finely etched with intricate line work and filled with gold pigments. The cylindrical box is fitted with three interior trays, one for the betel leaves, one for dried tobacco, and another for the areca nuts and spices used to finish the betel quid. Continued...

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A beautiful display of Burmese lacquerware, the delicate box remains vibrant even after a century of use.

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