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## BLUE GLAZED MINGQI SPIRIT SCHOLAR

**\$580**

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W: 2.5" D: 2.0" H: 8.0"

Molded of earthenware, this petite sculpture is a type of centuries-old burial figurine known as míngqì. Such model figures were placed in tombs of individuals with high status to ensure a safe journey to the afterlife. Meant to depict the pleasures of daily life, common burial figures were warriors, dancers, male and female figures and animals. This míngqì is of a male attendant wearing a flowing blue robe and a matching tall hat. Though some of the glaze has now weathered from age, revealing the original ceramic form, the facial features are left intact with stunning detail.



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