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SANCAI MINGQI SPIRIT ATTENDANT

\$880

Unknown • China • Ceramic • Collection #CESB026

W: 4.75" D: 4.0" H: 13.0"

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 dressed in a flowing green gown supported by a waist tie and topped by a towering headdress. Continued...



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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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