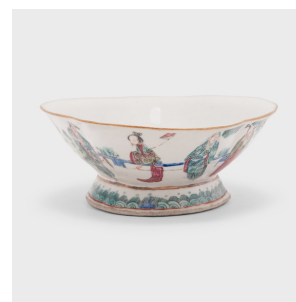


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## FOOTED OFFERING BOWL WITH GATHERING OF IMMORTALS

**\$480**

c. 1850 • China • Porcelain • Collection #CFC072

W: 10.5" D: 7.75" H: 3.25"

This colorful porcelain bowl dates to the mid-19th century and was originally used as a serving dish for ritual offerings, placed before a home altar and piled high with fruit, baked goods, and other foods. The cartouche-shaped dish features a short footed base decorated with a pattern of crashing waves and flared sides trimmed with a gilt edge.

Inspired by a popular Ming-dynasty drama, the exterior is painted with scene of mythical immortal beings gathered to celebrate the birthday of the Three Star Gods. Continued...



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Known as the Sānxīng (三星), the Three Star Gods of health, wealth, and longevity are folk deities that embody prominent star constellations and offer blessings for a good life. The three deities are shown here beneath a pine tree, being presented with the gift of a bronze ritual vessel.

The remaining figures are the Eight Immortals of Taoism, gathered in celebration of the Sānxīng and drinking tea around a stone table. Said to have attained immortality through their studies of the natural world, each of the Eight Immortals represents a different condition in life and together they impart a blessing of prosperity and longevity. Decorated in a pastel palette against a field of crisp white, this footed offering dish makes for a fantastic centerpiece or serving bowl.

