PAGODA RED









PEWTER FOLDING DISH

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Republic Period, China • China • Pewter • Collection #CFC486 W: 2.75" D: 2.5" H: 1.5"

This hand held pewter dish is an excellent example of fine Chinese metalwork of the 20th century. During the Qing dynasty, pewter craftsmen experimented with new techniques, showing the influence of Western silver tableware styles as well as Manchu dining culture. The two dishes are bound by a hinge, making it easily foldable and therefore portable for everyday use. Along the middle hinge and the perimeter of the dish is a charming trailing vine and leaf detail. A bat with wings outstretched decorates the opposite end, a symbol for happiness and good fortune. Continued...

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The little dish is finished with a low relief maker's mark on the base.

From the collection of Frances and Gary Comer.