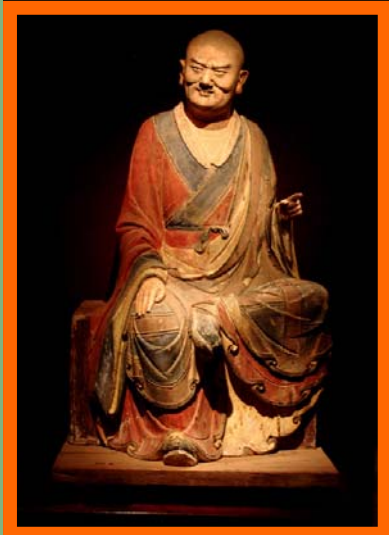


Rare Asian  
artifacts on  
display



Presidents' Day Weekend

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**A**n amazing collection of Asian art and artifacts, representing thousands of years of history, will be on display at the Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show February 17-21 in West Palm Beach, Florida. T.K. Asian Antiquities, Ralph Chait, Jem Hom and China Gallery are among the exhibitors who will be on hand, to name a few.

T.K. Asian is offering some incredible works from the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-220 A.D.), including the largest pieces of architectural relief stone ever discovered. T.K. is one of only a handful of dealers who are authorized to remove items such as these from China, so this is indeed a treat.



“These incredibly rare Han Dynasty architectural stone relief stones were created for royalty,” said Michael Teller, founder and president of TK Asian and one of the world’s preeminent authorities on Chinese antiquities.

A resident of China, Teller has made numerous trips to that country, almost on a monthly basis, since the 1970s. Over the last 30 years he has developed extensive on-site scientific research, conservation and restoration facilities and has acquired one of the largest collections of ancient Chinese artifacts in the world.



Teller called the relief stones “Historically important, with illustrated scenes of social activities - events of significant consequence as well as philosophical and mythological beliefs.”

He stated that these highly unusual reliefs are of a size and medium rarely seen. “Fragmentary panels have been encountered over the years, but to find them up to ten-feet in length is both historically and artistically meaningful.” The animation of the horse figures displays lively poses rarely seen in

pictorial art of this time, he said, and due to the amount of interaction of the figures, “it could take months to decipher the ideology and connotations found on these pieces.”

In addition to the architectural relief stones, Teller is bringing to the show a number of artifacts dating to the Han Dynasty, including an interesting collection of sculpture from the period, all in excellent condition.





Another rare Asian artifact which will be on display at the show is a gold-gilt lacquer wood figure of *Damo*, seated in meditation with hands hidden within the folds of his robe. “This piece epitomizes what is thought to be *Damo*’s appearance and features,” according to Raphaele Tzen of China Gallery in New York.

“His expression reflects a state of serene meditation, his eyelids lightly closed; large curved brows relaxed and arms loosely rested with his hands on his lap.

A spectacular find, both for its quality and uniqueness.” The figure dates to Late Ming / Early Qing Dynasty (17th Century).

*Damo* is a renowned Buddhist figure, the founder and first teacher of Zen Buddhism, bringing his knowledge from India to China. He is often depicted with his shoes at his side or held in his hand, depicting his fame of having evaded pursuers by crossing the Yangtze River standing barefoot on a large reed leaf. China Gallery specializes in Asian antiquities from the Neolithic Period to the Early Qing Dynasty, “seeking to provide collectors with artifacts of the highest caliber and refinement,” Tzen stated.

Also on display at the show courtesy of China Gallery will be a fine Sancai Glazed Caparisoned Pottery Horse dating to the Tang Dynasty (618 – 906 AD).



Horses were very important during this

time, and helped the Tang expand their empire, eventually becoming the greatest power in Asia. The figure is similar to one which was excavated from the tomb of the Tang princess Yongtai, dated 706, at Qianxian, Shaanxi province.

This is but a small sampling of the rare and precious Asian art and artifacts you will find at the show. History buffs or lovers of Asian antiquities will enjoy traveling through time, courtesy of some of the most well respected dealers in the world.

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Private Preview Party Opening Night, Friday, February 17.

This is the first opportunity to view and purchase at the show.

HOURS:

Sat., Feb. 18 - Mon., Feb. 20 11 am – 7 pm

Tues., Feb. 21, 11 am – 6 pm

TICKETS: \$15 daily, \$25 for a 4-day pass

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