



Canton enamel box in the shape of a butterfly, Qianlong (1736 - 95) POA

Canton enamel box in the shape of a butterfly, Qianlong (1736 - 95), its body and outstretched wings decorated in bright colours with radiating and swirling patterns, the rim with scrolling green leafwork and flowerheads including orchid and peony.

Condition: Some areas of enamel loss and damage; it appears that part may be missing

Notes:

In Chinese, the second character in butterfly, 'die' in 'hudie' is a homonym with the character for 80 years of age, thus the insect is symbolic of a long life.

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| Material and Technique | Metal with canton enamel decoration |
| Origin | Chinese |
| Period | 18th Century |
| Condition | Very good |
| Diameter | 21.2cm. (8 3/8in.) |