



**Chinese blanc de chine libation cup, Kangxi (1662-1722), c.1700
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Chinese blanc de chine libation cup, Kangxi (1662-1722), c.1700, with flared rim, on a moulded foot in the form of twisted branches, with applied boughs of flowering prunus and magnolia

Dimensions:

Height: 6.3cm. (2 7/16in.)

Condition:

Short hairline to rim, restored rim chip

Notes:

For illustrated examples of similar blanc de chine cups see Ayers, John (2016). Chinese and Japanese Works of Art in the Collection of Her Majesty the Queen (Vol I), p.73, pl. 112-125.

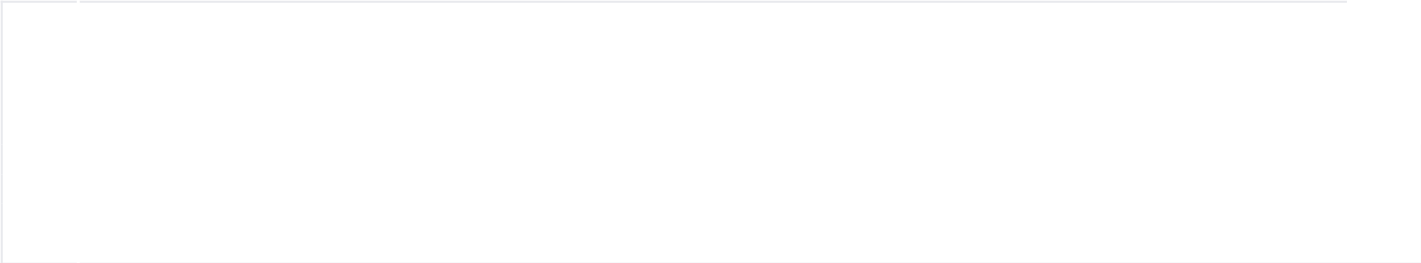
Traditionally, libation cups were used as communal drinking vessels at important ceremonial occasions. The magnolia decoration and white body of this cup symbolises purity and beauty; magnolias were traditionally grown in Tang Buddhist temples where they flowered every spring. Along with prunus, they represent the start of spring after a long cold winter.

**Material and
Technique**

Blanc de chine porcelain with applied decoration

Origin

Chinese



Period

18th Century

Dimensions

Height: 6.3cm. (2 7/16in.)

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