



Japanese ribbed dish, 19th century
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Japanese ribbed dish, 19th century, of moulded form with ribs and serrated edge, decorated in overglaze enamels and gilt with a pair of cranes in a rocky garden landscape with peony, pine and golden scrolling clouds, the reverse with two scrolling branches of peony with buds and foliage in iron-red.

Condition: Small glaze fault, minor wear

Notes: While crane and pine are auspicious symbols respectively, it is believed that when depicted together the potency of the image is increased. Both represent longevity: pine is an evergreen tree that continues to flourish through the lean winter months, and the crane, which can also stand for peace, is a bird associated with Daoist belief, thought to live for thousands of years and act as messenger between the earthly and heavenly realms. When represented in a pair, as seen here, cranes signify a long and happy marriage.

Material and Technique	Moulded porcelain with overglaze enamel and gilt decoration in the Imari palette
Origin	Japanese
Period	19th Century
Condition	Excellent
Diameter	20cm. (7 7/8in.)

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