



A RARE CHINESE BLUE & WHITE MING BOWL, WANLI (1573-1619) POA

Boldly painted in underglaze blue, the flared sides decorated on the exterior with four finely delineated large fish swimming between exquisite sprays of lotus flowers and leaves above a basal collar of lappets, the interior decorated with a broad band of swimming ducks also between sprays of lotus flowers, in the centre a large cartouche containing a single large fish in between water plants, the footrim unglazed, the base glazed, with a six character Chenghua mark inside double circle of incised blue lines.

LITERATURE

For an almost identical bowl, see Jorg, C., *Chinese Ceramics in the Collection of the Rijksmuseum: The Ming and Ching Dynasties*, plate 16, page 39, Inventory number AK-TN 1943.

For a similar design of fish on a bowl, see Krahl, R., et al., *Chinese Ceramics in the Topkapi Saray Museum, Istanbul*, 1986, no 1504.

Origin	Chinese
Period	16th Century
Diameter	36.5 cm; 14 ins.

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