



**A pair of large Chinese blue and white punch bowls, Kangxi (1662-1722)
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A pair of large Chinese blue and white punch bowls, Kangxi (1662-1722), decorated in underglaze cobalt blue with four rectangular panels containing a qilin and precious objects, including ancient ritual vessels, feathers, beribboned scrolls and go-ban; all against a floral cell diaper, the flaring rim with four cartouches containing further ritual vessels and beribboned precious objects, the interiors with a central roundel with a jardinière of flowers including lotus and peony; the inner rim with cell ground and four cartouches; diameter: 34cm./33.5cm. (13 3/8in./13 1/4in.), height: 16.5cm. (6 1/2in.).

Punch bowls were made specifically for export to Europe and England in particular, where punch had become a popular drink made using gin originally brought from Holland by soldiers in the army of William of Orange. Other ingredients included citrus fruit and imported spices, and the association of punch with 'the exotic' led to the popularity of porcelain punch bowls, also imports which represented great wealth and refined taste.

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Material and Technique	Porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration
Origin	Chinese
Period	18th Century
Style	Other
Dimensions	Height: 16.5cm. (6 1/2in.).
Diameter	Diameter: 34cm./33.5cm. (13 3/8in./13 1/4in.)

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