



Tibetan Gau (or Ghau) Box

An exceptional antique Tibetan gilded copper circular gau, or amulet box, of large size with covered circular opening on one side; the box is decorated with twelve reticulated cartouches with alternating designs of dragon and makura heads, the cartouches interspersed with pieces of coral and turquoise, the circular cover decorated with a figure of the goddess Tara (saviour-goddess of compassion and protection), surrounded by a wide band of sacred sanskrit characters inset with pieces of turquoise. The flat underside is embellished with stylized "dorje" design. Provenance: purchased from Charolette Horstmann; 1986

PRICE

\$6,800

PERIOD:	c.1780
ORIGIN:	Tibet
DIMENSIONS:	4.5" h x 14.5" diam 11.4cm h x 36.8cm diam
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