

LACQUERED LEATHER VASE

The leather foundation is lacquered dark red and decorated with painted designs in gold and black, representing the celebrated Buddhist monk Hsüan Tsang, who studied Buddhism in India in the seventh century, and the legend of the White Snake. The characters occurring in the latter story are illustrated in the shadow-play figures (Hall 34). Made at Fuchow, Fukien Province.

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