



Petite Red Lacquered High Back Folding Chair

YUNNAN PROVINCE, C19TH

DIMENSIONS: W:41.5 D:39.2 H:90 (cm)

REFERENCE: CH122

£975

A rare and visually striking folding chair with a sculptural symbolic presence. Faded gilt painted carvings decorate the back splat, a bell representing success, deer representing longevity.

The front legs each continue as a single, subtly curved shaped piece through the seat, to form the outer frame of the back joining the carved crest rail.

Crossed legs are joined by pivots, while at the bottom they are joined by floor level stretchers, above which sits a footrest. The metalware is original.

This form is an evolution from the simple folding stool or hu'chuang that brought raised level sitting to China, combined with a high back, protruding crest rail with delightful upturned ends and the curved back splat of the classic yokeback form.