

The dance of celestial dragon

Among living masters of the art of Oriental porcelain, there are few as distinguished as Chien-Ying May. His work highly acclaimed and honoured both in China and in the West- has long been sought by museums around the world. And in his homeland his award-winning works of art have been exhibited at the prestigious China National Art Exhibition.

And now, you have the opportunity to commission a work by this eminent artist. A work of rare beauty, designed and crafted exclusively for you in China, which has been world famous for its extraordinary porcelain for over a thousand years.

In this inspired new work, "The Dance of Celestial Dragon", Chien-Ying May has created a masterpiece. his mysterious dragon is a spectacular creature. Head reared high... claws outspread... he is possessed of a wild and awesome power, conveying all the grandeur of the mythical beast that is China's timeless symbol of spring... of renewal... and of life itself.

Surrounding the dragon are elegant designs of fascinating Oriental symbolism. An elaborate spray of spring flowers grace the top of the vase. An encircling chain of red, green and blue "ruyi" symbols foretell good fortune, while a deep border rich with symbols of prosperity adorns the base. And as a final touch of elegance, three bands of 22 carat gold are painstakingly applied by hand.

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QUESTIONS

1. What's the artist's name?
2. Where have his works been exhibited?
3. What's the Dragon in the vase like?
4. What other designs are there in the vase?
5. Vocabulary.
Homeland:
Outspread:
Painstakingly:
Awesome: