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LOT 1050

A Nepalese gilt bronze figure of Vasudhara, 12th-14th century, finely modelled seated in lalitasana wearing a five-leaved diadem, ornate beaded jewellery and a boldly patterned dhoti, her six arms naturalistically radiating from her shoulders, holding various attributes, including treasure vase, grain, jewels and sutra, height 23.2cm, mounted on an ebonized plinth. Provenance: the Alain Presencer Collection, David Weldon, London 1970-72, and Bonhams Hong Kong, 2nd October 2018, Lot 110. Note: Vasudhara's name means 'Bearer of Treasure'; she is the Buddhist goddess of wealth, prosperity and abundance. She is the consort of the wealth deity Jambhala and is particularly revered among the Newars of the Kathmandu Valley in Nepal. In Buddhist art, Vasudhara has a largely consistent iconography, identified by her elaborate headdress and extensive jewellery and is typically seated in lalitasana or royal pose. Despite this consistency in her representation, the number of arms may differ from as few as two, to as many as six. Although the six-armed image originates from India, it is almost exclusive to Nepalese art.

Estimate: £60,000 - £80,000

Condition Report

1050. The figure is in generally very good condition commensurate with age. Typical light surface scratches and wear, more pronounced to highpoints, but no significant damage or repairs. Finial to top of headdress is dented/pushed down slightly. Some inset jewels missing to jewellery and attributes. Decoration is crisp. Some signs of red pigmentation. Bit dusty and dirty so would benefit from a clean. Wood base obviously later.

Weight excluding base 3756g.

Total height including wood base 23cm.

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