

Asian and Islamic Ceramics and Works of Art / Thursday, 18th June 2026 / Lot 1070



## LOT 1070

A Chinese hardstone and mother-of-pearl embellished hardwood seal chest (guanpixiang), late Qing dynasty, possibly huanghuali, of traditional rectangular form, the top, sides and front doors decorated with hardstone, bone and mother-of-pearl scenes of figures, birds, insects, trees, rocks and flowers, the hinged lid revealing a hinged mirror and compartment to interior, the front with circular brass lock plate and hinge mounts, the sides with brass drop handles, the interior fitted with an arrangement of seven drawers, each front similarly inset with blossoming branches, on a similarly decorated plinth base, height 39cm, width 40cm, depth 26.5cm (some losses). Note: boxes such as this example were typically made for use on a scholar's desk; however, they were also employed by women to contain their cosmetics for dressing purposes.

Estimate: £300 - £500

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## Condition Report

1070. Generally good structural condition.

Back panel is slightly warped and has some horizontal splitting beneath the hinge area.

Interior in good order with all drawers intact and no missing inlay.

Hinged mirror is good but some clouding/pitting to glass.

Two front hinged doors have some gapping to joints but hinges ok.

Front doors with some missing inlay.

Hinge lid, sides all with some missing inlay.

All relevant damage visible in the multiple online images.

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