

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Stem Bowl

Chinese, Ming Dynasty (1368–1644), Wanli Period (1573–1620)

Date 1573–1620

Medium Hard-paste porcelain with underglaze blue

Dimensions H.: 4 in. (10.2 cm), diam.: 6 in. (15.2 cm)

Credit Line Bequest of Childs Frick in memory of Frances Dixon Frick, 1965

Accession Number 1965.8.71

Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 27, Boucher Anteroom

Commentary With cobalt blue imported from Persia, porcelain in the celebrated blue-and-white style was first produced in China in the fourteenth century during the Yuan dynasty (1271–1368) and remained fashionable for centuries. In the center of this bowl, a man in profile sits on the ground. In the back-ground are a cliff, a pine tree, and a moon in the sky. The outside of the bowl depicts scholars gathered near a pavilion in a garden, some reading books, some admiring a scroll of calligraphy, and two playing Wei-ch'i (or Go, as it is known in Japan and the West), an ancient board game. Source: Vignon, Charlotte. *The Frick Collection Decorative Arts Handbook*. New York: The Frick Collection/Scala, 2015.

Collection History Roland Moore. Bequest of Childs Frick, 1965. Source: *Porcelains in The Frick Collection: Oriental and French*. Volume VII. New York: The Frick Collection, 1974.