

**Canton Enameled Dish with a Scene of a
Daoist Paradise**

China, Qing Dynasty, late 18th-19th century

Enamel on copper

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This enameled copper dish, depicting six elderly gentlemen and three youthful attendants in a lush landscape, was probably intended for export to a Western market and draws upon various historical and literary subjects to create a composite image of a Daoist paradise. Typical of "Canton ware," but exception for its size and well-preserved condition, the vibrant colors and charming subject of this dish would have had a special appeal to early twentieth-century collectors in the United States.

