

${\tt CHINOISERIE-PAINTED-CHINESE\ WITH\ LUTE}$

 $Hand\ painted, Vers.\ II\ green-yellow$

Design: Franz Anton Bustelli, approx. 1757

height 16 cm · product no. 00.759

In the 18th century, nothing held more fascination for artists and the court than things exotic. Distant lands, foreign cultures – they gave wing to their imagination. In Franz Anton Bustelli's figurines, this influence is strikingly manifest in the clothing. The sculptor adorns his figures, such as this Chinese Man, with splendid colours and richly decorated robes, which make a statement in public. This was a challenge for the craftsmen at the time, and still is today: For four different stages are necessary to reveal the full splendour of the striped costume.

