## An Octagonal Inscribed Duan Inkstone Qianlong mark and of the Period

Qing Dynasty, Qianlong period (1736-95)

One side with recessed angular inkwell, the reverse incised with a long inscription and double seal. The stone matt grey with lighter striations, the box and cover of conforming shape. The box raised on eight short corner feet and the interior lined with yellow silk, the interior of the cover lacquered black.

This poem by Emperor Qianlong, entitled "fang guan xiang tang yien ming" (Imitation of the Tang Period inkstone of zodiac studies), is listed as one of seventy-four poems in "qing gao zong yu zhi shi wen quan ji, yu zhi yi, juan 40, pg 833" (collected poetry and prose of Qing Gao Zong, the anthology of Imperial Qianlong poems)

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