

Chinese Signature Seals - Best Sellers at Gianguan Auctions

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Tweet (ArtfixDaily.com) There's a trend in the works and it's coming from a decidedly traditional place - the emperors and scholars of China. Everyone **Like 1** wants one of the carved signature seals that were originally used to state status and position. The carvings have inspired active bidding lately **Share** at [Gianguan Auctions](#), making them the gallery's best selling items. **Pin it**

A strong collection dots the auction landscape in the upcoming Fall Asia Week sale at Gianguan Auction on September 9th.

The properties are of jade, shoushan, furong, tianhuang, songhua, and coral. They often have mythical beasts, sometimes Buddhist figures, atop. Frequently, the column is inscribed or carved.

The seal - Chinese characters or a picture that would be inked - is inscribed in intaglio or carved in relief on the bottom. Typically, the seals are 1 1/2-2 inches to 4 inches tall. They weigh a few grams to 3 pounds.

Some are associated with or attributed to a person, often someone of importance. Businessmen and students like using them on documents and as signatures. And, they make decorative desk accessories. Some collectors prefer to display them.

Well-carved seals can be purchased for under a \$1,000. Overall, they are a beautiful bargain. To view the entire collection of Chinese signature seals in Gianguan Auctions' September 9 sale, please view the catalog at www.gianguanauctions.com or at [LiveAuctioneers](#). Bidding is open now. The gallery preview runs August 30 through Friday, September 8th, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Gianguan Auctions is located at 39 W. 56th St., NYC.

