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**Discover One-of-a-Kind Chinese Jewelry and Rare Furniture
at Pagoda Red This Holiday Season**

CHICAGO (Nov. 26, 2007) – This holiday season, Pagoda Red – the region’s premiere location for fine Asian antiques – is offering Qing Dynasty charm rings and pendants from the prized collection of deceased Asian art collector Muriel Lubliner.

Handmade by silversmiths in 19th century China, each piece is unique with an ornament such as a butterfly, bat, plum blossom, monkey, gourd or religious deity serving as the focal point. Tiny bells hanging from some are intended to frighten away evil spirits. Charm rings sell for \$78 to \$98.

Pendants, with a pagoda and silver deity in the center, were worn on necklaces or through button holes. Some have filigree or enamel and feature Buddhist charms and symbols, jade, carnelian and amber beads. Lotus blossoms, butterflies, monkeys, cicadas, baskets, fish, dragons, vases and tools are seen on many of the pendants, which sell for \$188 and up.

Also from the Muriel Lubliner collection, Pagoda Red is offering 19th century blue-and-white porcelain teacups that feature the Chinese character for double-happiness. The teacups, priced at \$18, are glazed inside and out and can be used to hold jewelry, votives and small objects.

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The 100-piece collection includes altar tables, small cabinets, coffer, a Ming painted panel, painted compound cupboards c.1650 and a pair of cabinets with unusual honeycomb lattice panel doors .

“To see pieces in this kind of condition, with original lacquer, hardware and finishes, is extraordinary,” said Betsy Nathan, Pagoda Red owner. “We have not seen anything like them in over a decade and they are highly collectible.”

Nathan’s mentor in China introduced her to the owners, a family of dealers who had experienced misfortune and put the pieces in storage 20 years ago. They decided to sell the collection to Nathan, who had the pieces shipped to the Chicago area from China this fall.

Pagoda Red is a nationally-recognized destination for fine Asian antiques and artifacts. Pagoda Red has two locations: a showroom at 1714 N. Damen Ave., Chicago, and a gallery at 902 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Ill. For an online look at the Pagoda Red collection, including artifacts and stones for the garden, visit www.pagodared.com.

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