



Appreciating Plum Blossoms

Date

early Ming dynasty (1368-1644)

Primary Maker

Anonymous (Chinese)

Medium

Hanging scroll with brocade; ink and color on silk

Description

This Chinese ink painting shows a pavilion in the middle of misty mountains. Above the pavilion, occupying the top left corner of the painting, is a flourishing pine tree. Under the pine tree one can see white plum blossoms. The curtains in the pavilion are rolled up. In it there appears to be four men, three scholar-looking older men and a young servant. Two scholars are looking outside the window while one turns his head towards the young servant, who is putting a bouquet of plum blossoms into a flower vase on a redwood writing desk, which holds two writing brushes, an ink-stone, two books, an incense burner, and several other things. Behind the writing desk is a redwood armchair.

Dimensions

Object size: 99 × 46 inches Image size: 58 1/4 × 39 3/4 inches