

SA1021504

Striking Japanese Meiji/Taisho Bronze of the Holy Kannon by Koun Takamura

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1021504****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 39 cm (15.4")

Width = 11 cm (4.3")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

Striking Japanese Meiji/Taisho bronze of the Holy Kannon by Koun Takamura (1852-1934). Kannon, the Bodhisattva of mercy and compassion, is elegantly sculpted, standing on a circular base holding in her left hand a delicate lotus bud stalk, her hair piled into a tall topknot and adorned with the hokan (jewelled crown), wearing a johaku (decorative scarf) draped diagonally from her left shoulder, spreading out across the right side of her abdomen, the folds of the garment softly rendered. Signed in an impressed seal at the rear, Koun Takamura (1852-1934), one of Japan's most celebrated sculptors and a professor at the Tokyo School of Fine Arts. Measures 39cm tall, x 11cm x 11cm (base), weight 2.7kg. Kannon, the Goddess of Mercy (Avalokiteshvara), Lord of Compassion, is an extremely popular deity in Japan. Largely due to her efficacy at answering prayers and the many miracles attributed to her, and many temples are named after her. Nice casting, partially gilded. Excellent condition.

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