

SA1034504

Huge Finely Mounted Japanese Mixed Metal O-Tanto Wakizashi

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1034504****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Width = 63.5 cm (25.0")

Description

As part of our Japanese works of art collection we are delighted to offer this exceptionally large and fine Meiji period 1868-1912, mixed metal mounted O- Tanto Wakizashi ,the iron scabbard mounted with an entwined silver dragon of exceptional quality, adorned with gilt flames emulating from its body and mounted with a scared jewel between its horns, the handle of the Tanto formed as a Vajra which symbolizes such things as power and indestructible forces in the Hindu and Buddhist religions. The slightly waisted Ken formed blade is inscribed in gold on its original sized tang in honour of Masamune, the blade itself is carved in fine detail with a depiction of Fudo Myo-o to one side and a banner to the reverse, and fitted with a beautiful gold decorated habaki (collar), a most opulent and increasingly scarce Japanese work of art of very unusual proportions at over 25" long. Literature: The gold inlaid (kinzogan) signatures on the tang are honorific references to famous swordsmiths in Japan. Typically, swords dedicated to temples and for presentations were made on special order for wealthy patrons. With extremely high quality mounts and fittings many older swords lik...

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