

SA1038624

Japanese Bronze Okimono Hares - Imperial Provenance

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1038624****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 15 cm (5.9")

Width = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

As part of our Japanese works of art collection we are delighted to offer this charming pair of Taisho Period 1912-1926, charming bronze hares that come with a very interesting history according to the script on their original tomobako. These captivating hares cast in bronze by an artist known as Ryozan, a Taisho period artist who's work has clearly been influenced by the far more restrained and simplistic form synonymous with these early 20th century artists, the hares are more loosely chiseled, the faces feature lifelike mixed metal eyes. The hares sit within their purpose built protective wooden crate which has been inscribed at the latter part of their interesting ownership journey, a journey that started life in the hands of the Emperor Taisho's mother, Lady Yanagihara Naruko and subsequently passed to two Japanese families. A charming study with a fascinating back story now available to brighten up a setting of your choice. Provenance: The inscription on the lid of the tomobako translates to suggest that the Matsuo family were gifted these hares by Lady Yanagihara Naruko 1859-1943, (concubine to the Emperor Meiji and biological mother of the Emperor Taisho) and...

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