

SA1057404

Japanese Meiji Bronze Okimono of Three Turtles by Nogami Ryuki

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1057404****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 9 cm (3.5")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 16.5 cm (6.5")

Description

Japanese Meiji (late 19thC/early 20thC) bronze okimono group of three turtles by Nogami Ryuki (1865-1932). Naturalistically cast with finely wrought details, showing a small turtle attempting to climb on the back of the adult turtle, the smallest turtle already poised on the adult's back. Signed on the base, Nogami Ryuki, within a square seal. Measures 23cm x 16.5cm x 9cm high (9in x 6½in x 3½in), weight 1.45kg. The artist Nogami Ryuki graduated from the Tokyo School of Fine Art, examples of his works (turtles) can be found at his graduate University and also at the Tokyo National Museum (grasshopper and rice plants). He exhibited several bronze works of kame (turtles) at the Paris Great Exhibition in 1900. Ryuki studied bronze casting under Oshima Joun (1858-1940), one of the most notable metal craftsmen of the Meiji era, who was a professor at the Tokyo School of Fine Art. Excellent condition with minor loss to the medium size turtle's tail. See a similar okimono here: <https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/24151/lot/376/?category=list>

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