

SA1089438

**Pair Very Large (70cm)
Japanese Bronze
Koro/Censer, c1850**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1089438

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 70 cm (27.6")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

Pair of very large mid 19th century Japanese bronze incense burners/Koro/Censers, c1850. Standing at 70cm tall and weighing a fraction under 14kg for the pair, these are impressive and highly decorative examples of a quality rarely seen. The casting and decoration is superb. The lids are huge and are cast as a rocky outcrop with Eagle/birds of prey finials. On the outcrop below the Eagle there is a monkey reaching for a large Lotus or similar flower. The base of the lid has fine pierced decoration to enable the smoke from the incense to escape. The main body has lovely stylised handles and there are large central panels on both sides decorated with birds and foliage. Below this is a beautiful pierced section decorated with an encircling 3 clawed dragon. This stands on 3 large supports featuring Eagle masks which terminate on a circular base. Interestingly each Koro is individually cast with subtle differences between the two. For instance the rocky outcrop on the lid is larger on one and the climbing monkey is in a slightly different position when reaching for the Lotus flower. The metal has taken on great colour / patina following many years of handling and overall con...

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