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Antique Two Handled Footed Jar by Watano, Kutani, Meiji period (1868 -1912)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1093387****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

This late 19th-century signed jar illustrates the intricate artistry for which Kutani ware is renowned. The jar, elevated on three legs, features two elegantly painted handles and vibrant overglaze painting, a hallmark of Kutani porcelain. Most Kutani porcelain has painted surfaces (landscapes, flowers, and/or people) surrounded by scrolled red diapers (a red framing called Akae). On bottom marked Watano-sei, made by Watano, Kutani ware. The family Watano produced and exported Kutani ware for generations through the 19th and early 20th centuries. Watano was very famous during Meiji period (1868-1912) with export offices in the port towns of Kobe and Yokohama to be close to export trading hubs. The jar's surface is adorned with traditional Japanese motifs, including scenes of nature, cherry blossoms, chrysanthemums, and human figures, rendered in the bold, sharp lines characteristic of Kutani ware. Raised enamel dots and textured elements on the figures, flowers, and trees give a three-dimensional effect, adding depth to the already detailed pictorial design. The jar displays Kutani's signature colors—earthy red, deep green, and yellow—often applied against a grayish base...

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