

**SA1094597**

## Antique Satsuma Vase "1000 Faces", Japan, Meiji period

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA1094597****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

## Description

This antique and rare hand-painted earthenware vase, decorated in the "1000 Faces" pattern with dragons, is a beautiful example of late 19th-century Satsuma craftsmanship. The vase features intricate depictions of Buddhist monks, accompanied by a striking black and grey speckled dragon that winds its way from the top to the base. Another gilded dragon, more ornate, wraps around the neck of the vase, adding to the richness of the design. The vase is further adorned with detailed gilded patterns, showcasing the elaborate artistry typical of Satsuma ware. Marks on the base, along with the Shimazu clan crest, indicate the vase's authenticity, as the Shimazu family historically patronized and controlled the production of Satsuma pottery.

The Satsuma style of pottery originated on the island of Kyushu in the early 18th century and quickly gained popularity. By the second half of the century, production had expanded to Awata, near Kyoto. In the 19th century, Satsuma ware became known internationally, and pieces like this vase, often decorated with sce...

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