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Fine Japanese Meiji/Taisho
bronze of Hotei by Ryuki
(Nogami Tatsuoki), £400

Price

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Item Reference: SA1109655

Date of manufacture: 1910

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 20 cm (7.9")

Description

Imposing Japanese Meiji/Taisho (early 20thC) bronze of Hotei by Ryuki (Nogami Tatsuoki, 1865-1932). Hotei (the 'laughing buddha'), the 'God of Fortune' and one of the seven lucky gods, is depicted seated on his sack of gifts with his large exposed belly. Signed by the artist on the bottom. 28cm wide x 20cm deep x 20cm high, weight 3.35kg. Works by Ryuki were exhibited widely including at the Paris Exposition Universelle in 1900. He studied at the Tokyo School of Art under Oshima Joun (1858-1940), one of the most notable metal craftsmen of the Meiji era. Ryuki was in charge of the casting and finishing of the statue of Kusunoki in front of the Imperial Palace and the statue of Saigo Takamori in Ueno Park (both in Tokyo), which were commissioned by the Tokyo School of Fine Arts. Excellent original condition.

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