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Satsuma Vases, Kyoto, Nishida Workshop , c. 1890

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1109906****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 31.7 cm (12.5")

Width = 15.3 cm (6.0")

Depth = 15.3 cm (6.0")

Description

Pair of Meiji period Kyoto Satsuma vases by Nishida Workshop with raised enamel and gilt decoration, Japan c. 1890. An impressive and richly decorated pair of antique earthenware Satsuma vases, crafted in Kyoto during the Meiji period (late 19th century) by the esteemed Nishida Workshop. These vases are exemplary of Kyoto Satsuma ware, created for export and characterised by their detailed painting, luxurious gilding, and narrative compositions. Each vase is hand-painted with complex scenes featuring elegantly robed figures — possibly monks, sages, or aristocrats — placed within traditional Japanese landscapes and decorative surrounds. The reverse side of each vase depicts additional figures, some with golden halos, suggesting representations of deities or legendary sages. These figures are surrounded by elaborate backgrounds and enriched with floral and geometric patterns in gold. Both vases feature zoomorphic handles shaped like animal heads, adding a sculptural element to the form. The applied raised enamel, especially on the garments, halos, and floral motifs, showcases the classic Kyoto Satsuma technique — using gilded dots and textured details to create a three-di...

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