

SA1139164

Japanese Kutani-Satsuma Style Drum-Form Figural Incense Burner with Jurojin & Phoenix, Meiji c.1890

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1139164****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Description

A very rare Meiji-era Japanese export earthenware incense burner, ca. 1890, merging Satsuma-type crackle glaze with Kutani-style moriage and polychrome enamel. The drum-shaped vessel is supported by two karako boys in symbolic ox-horn hairdos, wearing richly patterned robes—one in green, one in red—each with vivid expressions. The central medallion depicts Jurojin, god of longevity, seated beneath a blooming cherry tree beside a stylized tiger. On the reverse, a gilded phoenix (Ho-o) soars from swirling clouds, embodying immortality and rebirth. The spherical body is densely decorated with raised enamel, dot gilding, and hand-painted floral arabesques in gold, black, red and green—echoing Yokohama export ware. Inside is a fine crackled Satsuma glaze. Restoration has been carried out on both boys: the green-robed figure's right hand and head are re-glued, left hand missing, and base chipped; the red-robed figure's hands and head are glued, with a small base chip and minor enamel loss near the central figure's hand. Despite these repairs, the masterful modeling and painterly finesse remain extraordinary. Height 18 cm × Width 20 cm × Depth 13 cm; Weight 1 194 g. Shipped f...

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