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Rare Japanese Iron Tsuba
Guard - Polearm of Guan Yu.
Dragon. Signed. Edo Period.
Circa 1750.

Price

GBP 1,250

| USD \$1,704 | EUR 1,459

Item Reference: SA1144360

Date of manufacture: 1750

Dimensions

Height = 6.7 cm (2.6")

Width = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

Rare Japanese Iron Tsuba Guard - Polearm of Guan Yu*. Signed Bushu ju Masafusa. Circa 1750. Mid Edo Period. Museum number 31G. Excellent craftsmanship. Masafusa (of the Bushu School), a notable Japanese swordsmith known for his fine and creative workmanship. Specifically, "Bushu" is a Japanese province. A gold and silver inlaid iron tsuba with dragon spear. Superb. Condition: Unrestored original and authentic condition, with very slight surface pitting / rusting. (This particular tsuba seemingly undocumented). Dimensions: (very slight oval form). Height = 6.7m. Width = 6.5cm. Thickness = 3-4mm. *Remembered as a culture hero in Asian culture and is still worshipped by many people of Asian descent, and other countries today. In religious devotion, he is reverentially called the "Emperor Guan" (Guan Di) or "Lord Guan" (Guan Gong). Guan Yu's most famous weapon is the Green Dragon Crescent Blade, also known as the Green Dragon Blade or the Azure Dragon Axe. It's a type of traditional weapon called a guandao, which is essentially a long-pole (Polearm) version of a dao (a wide, curved sword). A tsuba (Japanese sword guard) depicting the polearm of Guan Yu typically fea...

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