

SA1163090

A Large Japanese Garden Bronze Bear With Cub (KUMA)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1163090****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 54 cm (21.3")

Width = 80 cm (31.5")

Depth = 46 cm (18.1")

Description

Part of Dr Carl Duisberg's Garden collection exhibition catalogue. Visit our publications page for further details . Naturalistically cast, the large bear, presumably the mother bear, stands on a rock-like pedestal and leans down towards the smaller bear, which lies on its back and playfully raises a paw. The depiction appears very lively and captures a loving or protective interaction between the two animals. Provenance : Acquired by Bayer from Bernheimer by Carl Duisberg prior to 1930 – Condition report : Partial age damage and surface change due to many years of presentation in the park . Mounted to heavy stone base Literature : The word for bear in Japanese is (kuma). Two species of bear are native to Japan: The Asiatic black bear (*Ursus thibetanus*) and the Hokkaido brown bear (*Ursus arctos yesoensis*). While the bear does not play a major symbolic role in mainstream Japanese culture and is rarely a central motif in fine or applied arts, it holds deep significance in the folklore and traditions of the Ainu, the Indigenous people of northern Japan. In Ainu culture, the bear was revered as a sacred creature and often associated with mountain deities. It was believe...

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