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Japanese zenibako (money box
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Price

GBP 225

| USD \$307 | EUR 263

Item Reference: SA1168739

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 32 cm (12.6")

Width = 53 cm (20.9")

Depth = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Description

A striking example of a traditional Japanese zenibako—a secure money box crafted from richly patinated wood and reinforced with iron rivets and hardware. The box features a hinged lid with a circular coin slot and a separate locking compartment, suggesting its use for storing and safeguarding currency or valuables. The aged surface and robust fittings speak to decades of practical use, while the interior reveals a painted panel depicting a figure in motion, adding a touch of mystery and artistry. A rare and evocative piece that blends utility, folk craftsmanship, and cultural heritage.

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