

**SA1174074**

## Monumental Kinkozan Kyoto Satsuma Bowl with Moonlit Samurai Battle and Shimazu Mon, c.1900

Price

**GBP 2,000**

| USD \$2,701 | EUR 2,339

**Item Reference: SA1174074****Date of manufacture: 1900**

## Description

A large Kyoto Satsuma bowl by the Kinkozan studio, late Meiji, c.1890–1910. The Kinkozan lineage, active since the 17th century and revitalised under Sobei VII–VIII, set the direction of Kyoto Satsuma for the world fairs and international market around 1900. Their best decorators combined an ivory crackle ground with micro-stippled skies, brocade diapers and rich raised gold, achieving a painterly precision rarely matched outside Kyoto. The interior presents a fully developed night battle under a full moon: two corps of samurai press at close quarters beside a riverside camp; faces are individualised, armour lacing and brocades are rendered point by point; the central commander bears the Shimazu clan crest (maru-juji). The exterior in deep cobalt is strewn with floating gilt mons and roundels, a luxurious counterpoint to the pale interior. This bowl shows Kinkozan discipline at scale: thousands of controlled dots, crisp linework, readable composition and narrative tension, all hallmarks of the studio's leading output. Marks: square gilt KINKOZAN seal over iron-red; adjacent painter's device now abraded. Date: late Meiji, circa 1890–1910. Condition: excellent for age; rubb...

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