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Meiji Mixed-Metal Tobacco Case (Tonkotsu), Signed Rensai Kochu, c. 1880–1910

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1175085****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

A refined Japanese mixed-metal tobacco case (tonkotsu) for wearing as sagemono, bronze body richly inlaid with gold and silver (iro-zogan). One face depicts the sage of longevity with deer, pine, and crane; the reverse a heron among lotus. Signature ??? (Rensai Kochu) neatly inlaid in gold beside the lotus. Textbook Meiji artistry—precise chasing, nuanced stippling, and mellow patina allowing the motifs to glow softly over the bronze ground. Measurements • Height: 16 cm (6.30?) • Width: 7 cm (2.76?) • Depth: 2.3 cm (0.91?) • Weight: 125 g Condition Good antique condition with warm, even patina. Minor rim dings and light wear consistent with age; interior verdigris. Original braided cord and ojime bead present. No structural restoration. Displays beautifully. A late-Meiji collector's tobacco case uniting fine Kyoto metalwork, balanced composition, and auspicious iconography. Shipping & Packaging Fully tracked and insured delivery. Professional, secure packing. Please review all photos as they form part of the description; questions welcome.

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