

SA1175931

Lifesize Pair of Japanese Bronze Garden Okimono - Geese

Price

GBP 16,000

| USD \$21,814 | EUR 18,670

Item Reference: SA1175931**Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 57 cm (22.4")

Width = 35 cm (13.8")

Depth = 45 cm (17.7")

Description

Another item from our fine one owner Japanese Garden selection. Goose One: A naturalistically cast model of a standing goose, presumably a humped goose with a neck stretched forwards and closed beak. Dark patinated bronze, the plumage on the wings well defined. Goose Two: Naturalistically cast model of a standing goose, presumably a humped goose with its head turned backwards and its beak open. Dark patinated bronze, the plumage on the wings well defined and the forehead hump with traces of reddish colouring. Provenance : Acquired by Bayer from Bernheimer by Carl Duisberg prior to 1930 – Condition report: Partial age related surface change due to many years of presentation in the park, fixed to concrete bases for secure garden placement within the ground. Literature: In addition to their general symbolism of marital happiness and fidelity, geese in Japan also played a role as inadvertent messengers of military secrets. Historical accounts tell of sudden flights of geese that betrayed hidden troop positions, ultimately leading to victory in battle. This protective function found expression in the decoration of sword fittings and possibly in the adoption of the g...

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