

SA1188860

18ct Gold Meiji Period Cigarette Case by Unno Shomin (1844-1915)



Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1188860****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 8 cm (3.1")

Width = 9 cm (3.5")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

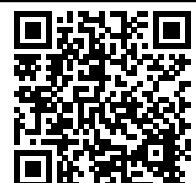
Description

As part of our Japanese works of art collection we are delighted to offer this incredibly rare Meiji Period (1868-1912) pure gold cigarette case by arguably the most famous metalworker of the period, Unno Shomin 1844-1915. Here Shomin has skilfully chiselled a scene of a boat upon a lake within a mountainous backdrop, to the shore a pavilion rests upon a rocky outcrop beneath the pine trees. Shomin has utilised angled chisels in a technique referred to as Katakiribori to simply represent ink brush painting. The case comes complete with its original retailers box with a label that translates to a shop in Tokyo called Sanoya, Nihonbashi Ningyo-cho Telephone: (66) 0481. An incredibly rare example of gold metalwork from one of only a handful of luminary Imperial metalworkers of the period. Literature : Unno Shomin is perhaps the most famous of the generation of metalworkers who started their careers in the sword-fitting workshops of the Mito fief; he moved to nearby Tokyo in the early Meiji era, changing his name from Motohira to Shomin. He showed great promise from an early age, studying calligraphy and painting in addition to chiseling, and was soon awarded the art-name Sh...

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