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Japanese Archaistic Bronze Hu Vase, Takaoka School, Meiji-Taisho Period

Price

GBP 600

| USD \$810 | EUR 702

Item Reference: SA1193038**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 32 cm (12.6")

Width = 20.7 cm (8.1")

Depth = 20.7 cm (8.1")

Description

A Japanese archaistic bronze hu vase dating to the Meiji-Taisho period, cast in bronze and finished with mechanical working and natural patination. The vase is directly associated with the Takaoka bronze-working circle of Toyama Prefecture, an important centre for decorative bronze production in late 19th- and early 20th-century Japan. The connection is supported by the workshop seal applied to the base. The vessel follows the traditional hu form with flared mouth, compact rounded body and raised foot. While derived from ancient Chinese ritual bronzes, the form was reinterpreted by Japanese workshops for decorative and interior use. Mask-form handles, archaistic ornament and a calm red-brown patina reflect Japanese interpretations of classical Chinese bronze models. The bronze casting is substantial and heavy, with thick walls and a dark interior coating consistent with Japanese bronzes of the period. The oval workshop seal is worn and partially obscured by patination; several readings are possible, though its format and placement support the Takaoka attribution. Dimensions: Height: 32 cm Maximum diameter: 20.7 cm Weight: 3887 g Condition: Good antique condition. The ...

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