

SA1196527

Monumental Pair of Victorian Era Japanese Moriage Vases with High Relief Figures, 1890s

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1196527****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 47.5 cm (18.7")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 19 cm (7.5")

Description

An exceptional and monumental pair of late 19th-century Japanese vases dating to the Meiji period. Conceived as statement pieces for grand Victorian interiors, their impressive 47.5 cm stature and complex twin-handled form create immediate architectural presence. The decorative scheme is executed in high-relief Moriage, featuring Scholars in a landscape. The technical quality of the raised "beaded" enamel work is superb, producing a richly textured surface that demonstrates the immense time and skill invested by the makers. The figures are boldly modelled, giving sculptural depth and movement to the composition. Unlike many export examples of the era, this pair displays a sophisticated and restrained palette. The interplay of light and dark greens, turquoise, and azure blue against a cream ground creates a refined and expensive aesthetic. The overall effect is both decorative and authoritative, allowing the vases to function as focal points within a period or contemporary interior. Dimensions and weight: Vase 1: Height 47.5 cm; Width 25 cm; Depth 19 cm; Weight 2795 g. Vase 2: Height 47.3 cm; Width 25 cm; Depth 19 cm; Weight 2677 g. Condition: Excellent antique condition.

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