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Antique Japanese Meiji Period Wood Netsuke / Okimono of Ebisu with Tai Fish – Signed Tomochika

Price

GBP 1,450

| USD \$1,962 | EUR 1,697

Item Reference: SA1199127**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

Antique Japanese Meiji Period Wood Netsuke / Okimono of Ebisu with Tai Fish – Signed Tomochika Subject & Iconography This finely carved boxwood (tsuge) figure depicts Ebisu, the Japanese God of Fishermen and Luck, and one of the Seven Lucky Gods (Shichifukujin). He is shown in a classic, joyful pose, cradling a large Tai (Sea Bream) in a woven basket. The sea bream is a symbol of celebration and "plenty" in Japanese culture. Signature: The underside features a deeply incised two-character signature for Tomochika. School: This style is characteristic of the famous Tomochika school of Edo/Tokyo, renowned for expressive character studies and high-quality detail during the 19th century. Markings: There is an old ink-stamped inventory number "2" on the sole of the foot, suggesting a previous history in a private collection or gallery. Craftsmanship & Condition Details: The carving exhibits wonderful attention to detail, from the expressive facial features and traditional headwear to the textured scales of the fish and the weave of the basket. Patina: The wood has a rich, dark honey-brown patina with natural wear on the high points, indicating decades of handling. At 6...

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