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Japanese Sumida Gawa Mug with Applied Karako Figure, Signed Kōko — Meiji / Early Taishō Period

Price

GBP 230

| USD \$311 | EUR 269

Item Reference: SA1209083**Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 10 cm (3.9")

Width = 8.5 cm (3.3")

Description

A hand-thrown Sumida ware (???) / Sumida-gawa) mug, Japan, late Meiji to early Taishō period, c. 1900–1920, signed Kōko and attributed to the potter Ishiguro Kōko (????). Materials: iron-rich red earthenware body, finished with the characteristic Sumida "flashed" orange-red slip over a heavily ribbed, wheel-thrown surface. The upper third and interior are covered in a lustrous aubergine-black treacle glaze that pools and drips irregularly over the orange body — a flambé effect typical of the workshop. The applied decoration is separately modeled and glazed in porcelainous white and cobalt underglaze blue, attached to the body before the final firing. Design: a karako (Chinese-style boy) in a swirling-patterned robe climbs the exterior of the mug, one hand reaching toward the rim, the other (partially lost) grasping the lip. The three-dimensional figure wraps around the front of the vessel, with fragments of his trailing robe continuing around the side. The pulled handle runs from rim to base in glazed black flowing into the unglazed red body. Underside fully unglazed, revealing the grogged terracotta clay. Hallmark: applied porcelain teardrop cartouche at the lower body...

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