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Large Sumida Gawa Mug with Applied Sennin Figure, Signed Ryōsai — Inoue Ryōsai Workshop, Meiji / Taishō Period

Price

GBP 230

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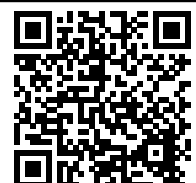
Description

Substantial Sumida ware (???) / Sumida-gawa) mug, Japan, late Meiji to Taishō period, c. 1900–1920, signed Ryōsai (??) and attributed to the workshop of Inoue Ryōsai (????) — one of the most celebrated producers of Sumida ware. Dark-bodied earthenware, heavily ribbed and wheel-thrown, finished with the characteristic matte black Sumida slip (rather than the orange-red slip seen on other examples from the kiln). The upper third and interior are covered in a dramatic flambé glaze ranging through aubergine-black, amber, iron-yellow and plum-red, with irregular drips running down the ribbed body — a kiln effect prized by the Ryōsai workshop. The hand-pulled handle, modeled as a gnarled branch, is covered in the same flowing amber-black flambé glaze. The applied decoration combines modeled earthenware (face, hands, feet) with porcelain fragments in underglaze cobalt blue and white (robe, jar). A sennin (??) — most likely Chōkarō Sennin (???), the Daoist immortal — depicted as a bald elderly figure with a deeply lined, expressive face modeled with remarkable realism, leaning over the rim of the mug. He wears a porcelain robe with blue-and-white floral motifs and grasps a large...

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