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

Price

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Description

An unusual Sumida ware (埴谷 / Sumida-gawa) baluster vase, Japan, late Meiji to early Taishō period, c. 1900–1920, signed Kōko and attributed to the potter Ishiguro Kōko (石黒 公). The form is tall and elegant, rising from a narrow foot through a swelling shoulder to a freely modeled, ruffled mouth that gives the piece an almost Art Nouveau silhouette — an unusual departure from the more conventional cylindrical mugs and rounded vases typical of the workshop. The body is built in iron-rich earthenware and finished with the deep coral-red slip characteristic of Sumida, here worked with incised and impressed surface textures that recall aged bark or weathered wood. Flowing from the mouth and shoulder, a dramatic drip glaze in cobalt blue, pale celadon, and aubergine-black cascades irregularly down the upper half of the vessel, pooling at the edges of the red ground below in a deliberately "mountainous" or "waterfall" effect prized by the Sumida kilns. The rim and high points catch a warm amber-brown, while the cavities hold deeper blues and greens. Emerging from the red slip is a fully three-dimensional karako (子持 — Chinese-style boy) in porcelain, modeled with twin hair tuft...

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