

SA1210704

Large signed Japanese Satsuma bowl by the renowned master Shizan, Meiji period

Price

GBP 2,500

| USD \$3,377 | EUR 2,924

Item Reference: SA1210704

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 11.5 cm (4.5")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 25 cm (9.8")

Description

This large and exceptionally decorative Japanese Satsuma bowl is a superb Meiji-period work by the renowned master Shizan, combining impressive scale, refined painting and outstanding overall preservation. With its generous 25 cm diameter, softly lobed rim and confident proportions, it has far greater visual authority than an ordinary cabinet piece and reads immediately as a true centrepiece. The interior is centred by a beautifully painted scene of elegant court ladies beside a boat, bridge, waterfall and temple architecture, while the exterior continues with a panoramic landscape populated by bijin, pavilions, flowering trees and distant hills. The artistic quality is especially strong. The faces are delicately painted, the robes are richly and carefully patterned, and the landscape is constructed with controlled gilt linework, soft enamels and a luminous cracked ivory ground. The black-and-gold border gives the composition further depth and sophistication. The base bears the Shimazu crest above the signature 志善, read as Shizan, a respected and highly collectable Satsuma master associated with fine quality Meiji wares. The bowl sits firmly within the Kyoto Satsuma tradition.

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