

SA1215064

Japanese Hichoan Shinpo Eggshell Porcelain Vase, c.1860-1880

Price

GBP 450

| USD \$608 | EUR 526

Item Reference: SA1215064**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 13 cm (5.1")

Width = 10.7 cm (4.2")

Depth = 10.7 cm (4.2")

Description

A finely painted Japanese export porcelain beaker vase produced in the Arita region circa 1860-1880. This elegant eggshell porcelain vessel was created for the Western market during the early Meiji export boom and reflects the delicate potting and refined decorative quality associated with Hichoan Shinpo wares. The decoration features lively theatrical and genre scenes with children, performers, bows, fans and hobby horses painted in rich overglaze enamels and gilding. The animated figures and stylised costumes reflect the Kabuki-inspired imagery popular in late Edo and early Meiji export porcelain. The rim is finished with a delicate gilt border. The underside bears the red overglaze mark "Hichoan Shinpo zō". The Hichoan Shinpo name referred not to a single kiln but to a major export consortium directed by the merchant Tashiro Monzaemon (1816-1900), who coordinated porcelain production in Arita for export to Europe and America. Orders were placed with some of the finest workshops in the region, including the famous Fukagawa family kilns. During the Meiji period the Hichoan Shinpo brand was used on export wares produced by several Arita makers as well as the Mi...

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