

SA1215591

A Rare Japanese Stag Antler Netsuke of a Bather Late Edo period (mid-19th century)

Price

GBP 5,500

| USD \$7,443 | EUR 6,436

Item Reference: SA1215591

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

A Rare Japanese Stag Antler Netsuke of a Bather. Period: Late Edo period (mid-19th century). Artist: Signed Masayuki to the underside. Dimensions: Height: 4 cm | Length: 4 cm | Weight: 37.4 grams. A highly charming, rare, and humorously carved stag antler (shika-no-tsuno) katabori netsuke depicting a classic Japanese genre scene. The piece features a man indulging in a relaxing soak inside a traditional oval wooden bathing tub (furo). Leaning heavily over the rim with his arms outstretched, his face is masterfully rendered to capture a look of pure, blissful exhaustion. The carver has cleverly utilized the natural, challenging properties of the stag antler, polishing the bather's skin to a smooth, cream-colored finish that mimics bare flesh, while utilizing deep, dark staining to accentuate the porous, rustic texture of the tub's exterior. The water inside is detailed with deeply incised, concentric swirling ripples. The exterior staves are meticulously carved with a realistic wood-grain effect and bound securely by double bamboo hoops. The reverse features a beautifully executed, naturalistic depiction of the bather's hair gathered at the back. The underside is fitted with...

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