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Fine Meiji Japanese Satsuma Bowl Signed Kozan, c. 1890-1905

Price

GBP 1,500

| USD \$2,026 | EUR 1,754

Item Reference: SA1216030

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 6.4 cm (2.5")

Width = 15.6 cm (6.1")

Depth = 15.6 cm (6.1")

Description

A superb Japanese Satsuma bowl from the Meiji period, signed Kozan, dating to circa 1890-1905. This is not ordinary export ware or mass-produced decoration, but an individual work by a highly accomplished Satsuma master, with exceptional attention to detail, refined figure painting and beautifully preserved enamel and gilt decoration. Kozan is a major and highly respected name in Japanese Satsuma ceramics. Works by Kozan are regularly sold by leading international auction houses, including Christie's and Bonhams, and his name confidently belongs among the top ten most desirable Japanese Satsuma makers and decorators of the Meiji period. The present bowl clearly shows why: the faces are individually painted, the robes are carefully detailed, the gilt ornament is rich and controlled, and the whole composition has the refinement expected from serious Meiji-period Satsuma rather than commercial export ware. The interior is decorated with an elegant garden scene showing women and children in richly patterned kimono beneath flowering branches. Around the central scene are further shaped reserves with landscape and floral subjects, set within elaborate brocade-style grounds in...

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