

SA1216031

Fine Meiji Japanese Satsuma Bowl Signed Gyokkō, c. 1890–1910

Price

GBP 800

| USD \$1,080 | EUR 936

Item Reference: SA1216031**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 5 cm (2.0")

Width = 12.7 cm (5.0")

Depth = 12.7 cm (5.0")

Description

A very fine Japanese Satsuma bowl from the Meiji period, signed Gyokkō, dating to circa 1890–1910. This is a highly decorative and carefully executed individual Satsuma work, with a beautifully composed interior landscape, elegant figures, rich gilding and a refined exterior bamboo design. The bowl is painted in the classic Meiji Satsuma tradition, with a warm cream crackled glaze, delicate polychrome enamels and extensive gilt detail. The interior scene shows women and a child within a refined Japanese landscape, surrounded by temple architecture, pagodas, trees, hills and water. The composition is exceptionally attractive: the figures are placed in the foreground, while the architectural and mountain landscape creates depth and atmosphere. The quality of the work is especially visible in the architectural detail, the fine gilt patterning on the robes, the carefully painted parasols, the layered trees and the atmospheric treatment of the distant mountain. The exterior is decorated with a continuous bamboo design, giving the bowl a calm and elegant appearance from every angle. The gilt rim border is particularly decorative and frames the interior scene beautifully. The...

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