

SA1221232

Large Kutani Daruma Okimono Porcelain Figure of Bodhidharma

Price

GBP 500

| USD \$677 | EUR 585

Item Reference: SA1221232**Date of manufacture: Edwardian**

Dimensions

Height = 31 cm (12.2")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

A large Japanese Kutani porcelain figure of Bodhidharma, known in Japan as Daruma, dating to the early 20th century. Richly coloured glazes and confident modelling combine to create an impressive representation of one of the most important figures in Zen Buddhism. Daruma is shown standing in flowing iron-red robes, the broad folds creating a strong sense of movement. His intense gaze, prominent brows and thick beard give the figure considerable character, while the exposed chest follows traditional representations of the monk as a wandering ascetic and spiritual teacher. He carries a Buddhist fly whisk, a traditional symbol of spiritual authority in Zen Buddhism. Turquoise glaze accents the lower robe and base, while visible glaze pooling and firing contractions remain from the manufacturing process. Bodhidharma's teachings placed meditation, discipline and personal enlightenment at the centre of East Asian spiritual life. His image became a symbol of perseverance, determination and resilience, particularly admired by businessmen and martial artists. Large Kutani figures of Daruma are particularly desirable for their symbolic significance, impressive scale and strong ...

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