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Japanese carved bone Okimono of a seated Buddha circa 1910

Price

GBP 365

| USD \$494 | EUR 427

Item Reference: SA1226498**Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 13.5 cm (5.3")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A superb early 20th-century Japanese carved bone okimono depicting the seated Buddha upon an elegantly carved raised plinth. The base is ornamented with a continuous band of finely carved beads enclosed by scrolling foliate decoration, providing a richly textured setting for the serene figure. The Buddha is portrayed with a joyful, benevolent expression, holding a string of prayer beads in one hand while delicately gathering the folds of his robe with the other. The quality of the carving is exceptional, with beautifully modelled facial features, crisply defined drapery, and an impressive level of finely engraved surface decoration. Traces of the original hand-applied red, green and brown pigments remain, lending warmth and depth to the composition while highlighting the remarkable precision of the engraving. Demonstrating the ingenuity of Japanese carving workshops during the Meiji and Taishō periods, the sculpture is of sophisticated multi-piece construction, comprising individually carved bone elements expertly assembled over a timber core. This complex method of construction allowed the craftsman to achieve a remarkable level of sculptural detail while ensuring the ...

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