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An Important Late 17th Century Japanese Lacquered Cabinet Edo Period on Stand

Price

GBP 26,500

| USD \$35,791 | EUR 30,994

Item Reference: SA1227816

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 157 cm (61.8")

Width = 98 cm (38.6")

Depth = 56 cm (22.0")

Description

An extremely fine, elegant and rare late 17th Century Japanese lacquer cabinet, from the Edo period, on lacquered black stand. Japanese circa 1690 Provenance A private Scottish collection This outstanding cabinet is a fascinating fusion of east and west. The cabinet itself would have been made in Japan, c.1690, and is decorated to the outside with hiramaki-e lacquer. This technique involves the use of sprinkled gold powder which adheres to the lacquer surface. On the best pieces, as with this example, many layers are added in order to create areas of high relief and give depth to the surface decoration. The taste of the Japanese workshops in this period was often for quite restrained pieces with plenty of the black background visible, unlike some of the busier Chinese lacquer or European japanned examples produced around the same time. The Japanese makers seemed content to rely on the outstanding quality of the lacquer itself, regarded by most experts as the finest lacquer ever produced, and did not see the need to cover every surface believing that less was more in this respect. The lacquer here is used to produce a mountainous scene with temples on the bank of a riv...

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