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Japanese Kutani Porcelain Koro Incense Burner, Karashishi Finial and Elephant Head Feet, Meiji Period c.1890

Price

GBP 400

| USD \$541 | EUR 468

Item Reference: SA1228901**Date of manufacture: 1890**

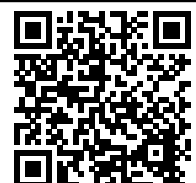
Description

A decorative antique Japanese Kutani porcelain incense burner (Koro) and cover, dating to the Meiji period, circa 1890. The unusual trapezoidal body is raised on four robust corner feet sculpted as finely detailed elephant heads with hand-painted eyes and curling trunks beneath a translucent blue glaze, an uncommon feature on Kutani Koro of this type. The vessel is flanked by two moulded scroll handles enriched with gilt highlights. The domed cover is pierced with reticulated apertures to release incense smoke and is surmounted by a sculptural Karashishi finial. The principal decoration comprises hand-painted overglaze enamel panels depicting the Japanese Gods of Longevity, Fukurokuju and Jurojin. Executed in high relief with raised Moriage enamels over a finely textured Same-hada (sharkskin) ground, the figures display expressive facial modelling and refined brushwork. The surrounding decoration combines traditional Kutani iron-red, green, aubergine, blue and gilt enamels in an elaborate scrolling ornamental design. The underside is smoothly glazed and remains unmarked, consistent with many export-quality Kutani wares of the period. Weight 367 g; height 16.8 cm; width ...

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