Netsuke - Shishi With 3 Tamas - Ivory - Japan - XVIIIth



550 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Ivory

Width : 4cm

Height : 2,6 cm

Depth : 1,9 cm

Description

Netsuke in ivory representing a shishi with legs resting on three tamas.Originally from China, the shishi is a very popular mythological animal throughout the Asian cultural area, where it acts as a protector of homes against evil spirits.A whimsical representation of a lion, it is the fruit of an artistic interpretation dictated solely by stories peddled by travellers; because this big beast has never been present either in China or in Japan.We therefore always find two of the attributes most characterizing the animal, namely its gaping mouth and its abundant mane, always represented curly. The rest of his anatomy is more of an Asian dog.One of its legs is often found placed on a tama, that is to say a sacred jewel taking the form of an embroidered ball and representing omnipotence. The specificity of this

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netsuke is undoubtedly in the presence of several of these jewels.Japan, 18th centuryGood condition, beautiful patina of useDimensions:Height: 2.6 cmWidth: 4 cmDepth: 1.9 cmWeight: 14 gThe shipment is neat and will be made the day after receipt of payment.