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## Edo "shaku Dokei" Pillar Clock



2 800 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Ebony

Width : 5,8 cm

Height : 41 cm

### Description

Rare Japanese pillar clock, early 19th century, also known as "Shaku Dokei". The case is made of exotic wood (probably ebony). The hours are inscribed in kanji on small brass tabs called "toki" on a removable ruler. The "tokis" are themselves adjustable, as the Japanese time system is variable. On the bottom, a drawer with a nipple was used to store the key. The upper part houses the clock's gilded brass mechanism, surrounded by two colonnettes. The movement is housed in a glass case, allowing it and its leafy decorations to be admired.

This clock is powered by a wire weight, to which an openwork needle-shaped index is attached, which descends in front of the tokis. These clocks were a unique Japanese invention. There are numerous versions of this type of clock, which

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were manufactured  
throughout the Tokugawa period.

- Condition: very good, just missing the top lock  
of the glass cage and a toki reassembled on a  
rubber. The key works but is not his.

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DESCRIPTION. For other photos, please contact  
me.

- Period: Edo (1603-1868), circa 1820.

- Dimensions : Width 5.8 cm - Height 41 cm.

- Sold with a key that is not the original one, but  
works.

For information: the price indicated is without  
shipping.

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