



Kokeshi 30 Cm - Uasubo Okamoto - Circa 1970 - Ham 1024/ 21



160 EUR

Signature : Okamoto USABURO 1917 - 2009 Japon

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Solid wood

Diameter : 11

Height : 30,5

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| Description |
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Stamp - Oxidation, glued bun - paint from use, traces of handling. Founder of the company "Usaburo Kokeshi", born in Shinto in 1917. Active 1945-80. During the war, he was in charge of turning and shaping metal. He invented new processes and styles, introducing techniques using turning machines, and painting combined with intaglio engraving, polishing and stencil drawing. He liked the grain of keyaki and chestnut wood, until then little used, very widespread in his native region. In 1979, he built a new workshop equipped with modern facilities on the current site. Usaburo kokeshi are called "modern kokeshi" different from dento (traditional) kokeshi. They are characterized by the absence of conventional forms. The basic models developed by Usaburo feature this

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helmet-shaped hair and a plump body. Usaburo participated in annual competitions starting in 1961 and won numerous awards. His name has become synonymous with a type of doll. - About kokeshis: they were toys for little girls, or offered as a token of love or friendship; or symbolized the desire to have a healthy child. They are said to have a talismanic function, are modesty, and gentleness. They are also said to have Buddhist origins. Their hairstyles evoke the Buddha's bun. A note about the artist as well as the history and function of kokeshis will be attached. This is a vintage doll that may have minor imperfections.