Japanese Mother Of Pearl Amulet With Hawk And Shippo Symbol, Circa 1970



220 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

This refined amulet, carved from natural mother of pearl in 1970s Japan, masterfully merges traditional aesthetics with powerful symbolism. It presents a striking scene, a bird of prey, most likely a Japanese hawk, in a descending flight with its wings outstretched as it approaches a precisely carved circular motif known as the shippo, or "Seven Treasures."In Japanese tradition, the hawk, or taka, symbolizes nobility, sharp vision, spiritual strength and courage. Revered by samurai and noble classes, it was seen as a protector and guide, an animal associated with decisive action and clarity of purpose.The shippo motif below the hawk is formed by interlocking curves that create a perfectly symmetrical flower. Used for centuries in Japanese architecture, ceramics, textiles and

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cloisonné, it symbolizes eternal harmony, infinite connection and good fortune. When paired with a bird of prey, it takes on an added layer of meaning, suggesting a balance between action and peace, instinct and wisdom.This amulet can be interpreted in many ways, as a spiritual protector, a symbol of inner clarity or a visual reminder of balance and determination. It may also represent a bridge between heaven and earth, guiding the wearer toward integration and harmony in life.Carved from shimmering natural nacre, the pendant glows with iridescent tones that shift with the light. Its silver tone bail is original and sturdy, allowing it to be worn comfortably. Measuring 40 x 29.5 mm, it makes a graceful yet bold statement when worn on a chain or cord.This amulet does not impose meaning, it invites the wearer to discover their own, whether as a spiritual guide, a talisman of balance or a reminder of personal strength.This piece is not just a jewel, it is an amulet with a soul.
Hand-carved in Japan around 1970, this mother-of-pearl pendant combines beauty, symbolism, and mysticism. The hawk, associated with spiritual nobility, joins the eternal shippo symbol to create a jewel that inspires protection, clarity, and balance. Its excellent condition, rarity, and symbolic depth fully justify its value as a unique collector's item.Measurements: 4 x 2.95 cm (1.57 x 1.16 in).History of Japanese Mother of Pearl AmuletsIn Japan, mother of pearl has been used for centuries, especially in the raden technique, an art of inlaying nacre into lacquerware or wood. By the mid 20th century, Japan had become a major exporter of decorative arts, including spiritual jewelry and symbolic pendants like this one.The shippo motif is one of Japan's most recognizable traditional patterns. Its endless repetition evokes unity, eternal beauty and harmony. Found in ceremonial garments and sacred objects, it remains a popular symbol for longevity and good energy.The Japanese hawk, on the other hand, was a symbol of power and grace. It was highly respected among the samurai

class, used in falconry and often portrayed in traditional art as a symbol of discipline, foresight and protection.Far from being a mere ornament, this pendant is a spiritual object, crafted to inspire reflection and personal growth. Today, such authentic pieces are increasingly valued by collectors, spiritual seekers and lovers of Japanese design.