



Early Meiji Kutani Porcelain Figure Of Kannon On Shishi, Japan, C.1870



1 000 EUR

Signature : Kutani

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Porcelain

Description

A finely modelled and substantial Kutani porcelain figure depicting Kannon, the Buddhist goddess of mercy (known as Guanyin in Chinese Buddhism), seated on a cobalt-blue shishi. Created in Japan around 1870, during the early Meiji period.

The face of Kannon reflects the style of Buddhist icons from temple sculpture traditions in Kanazawa, where the oldest Kutani kilns were located. She holds a ruyi scepter, a traditional symbol of wisdom and wish-fulfilment in East Asian art. This feature adds a spiritual dimension - the figure is not merely decorative, but also serves a protective and sacred function. The lion is

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glazed in deep

Kutani blue, with expressive facial modelling and scrollwork in the mane. The unglazed base reveals hand-forming and a porous low-refined porcelain body, consistent with early Kutani export production.

Condition

Excellent antique condition with only minor enamel wear in a few small places.

No chips, cracks or restorations.

Dimensions

Height: 19 cm

Width: 20 cm

Depth: 15 cm

Weight: 1247 grams

Please study the accompanying photographs carefully as they form an integral part of this description. If you have any

questions, we will be happy to answer them. The item will be shipped with full

tracking and insurance. It is important to note that shipping costs include

labour, packaging and postage.