



The Traveler's Breath Okimono



690 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Ivory

Length : 10cm

Width : 5cm

Height : 11cm

Description

This exceptional Japanese statuette from the Meiji era captivates with its humanity and narrative detail. It depicts a traveler or peasant, his back heavily laden with a basket of harvests (fruits or vegetables), taking a moment to rest. What makes this work unique is the small frog he delicately holds in his left hand. In Japan, this amphibian is a powerful symbol of return and good fortune (kaeru), often associated with wealth and abundance. The craftsman is not simply resting; he is contemplating his treasure, whether it be a talisman or a delicacy. The quality of the sculpture is remarkable: the basket's weaving, the patterns of the kimono, and the man's gentle, weary expression are rendered with exquisite precision. This touching scene of everyday life stands out from the usual motifs and

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offers an unexpected emotional depth. A true bridge between Eastern art and Western curiosity, this Okimono is a collector's item that embodies hope and harmony, ideal for any lover of Asian art or to enrich a modern Cabinet of Curiosities.