Ivory Netsuke Made Of Narwhal Tusk: Hotei With Child



400 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Width : 4cm

Height : 5.5cm

Description

This netsuke is an exquisite collector's item, carved from the rare and precious narwhal tusk (marine ivory), a highly sought-after material in Japan. It depicts the joyful iconography of Hotei (the Laughing Buddha, god of fortune), recognizable by his prominent belly and radiant smile. Hotei is shown carrying his bag of wealth and worries, accompanied by a playful child who symbolizes family prosperity and the joy of descendants. The quality of the carving is enhanced by the fine details engraved on the loincloth and bag (see floral and geometric motifs). The use of narwhal tusk, combined with detailed workmanship and a natural patina, makes it a valuable miniature work of art, a testament to the Japanese craftsmanship of netsuke-shi from the Edo or Meiji periods.

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