



Carved And Lacquered Wooden Maetate Depicting A Shishi - Edo Period (1603 - 1868).



1 450 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gilted wood

Width : 6,5 cm.

Height : 28,5 cm.

Depth : 12 cm.

Description

JAPAN - Edo Period (1603-1868). Carved and lacquered wooden maetate depicting a leaping shishi. Restorations and minor losses to the mouth and paws. Dimensions: 28.5 x 6.5 x 12 cm. Sold with its base. Dimensions with base: 25.5 x 25.5 x 9 cm. The kabuto is not included. Notes: Among the samurai, the shishi (??), a mythical lion originating from Chinese tradition and transmitted to Japan through Buddhism, occupies an important place in martial iconography. More of a spiritual symbol than a real one, it embodies protective strength, bravery, and the ability to repel harmful influences. It is found, for example, on armor, kabuto, tsuba, and banners, where it acts as a guardian, tasked with terrifying the enemy as much as protecting the bearer. Associated with Buddhist temples and deities, the

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shishi also expresses the idea of an ideal warrior,
both fierce in combat and disciplined internally.