



Gunbai, Command Fan Of A Samurai Of The Nukui Clan - Edo Period (1603-1868).



880 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Copper

Width : 18 cm.

Height : 18,5 cm

Depth : 2,5 cm.

Description

JAPAN - Edo period (1603-1868).GUNBAI samurai.Command fan, in black lacquered wood and stamped and engraved copper, one side decorated with two dragons facing each other under the sun and moon in clouds, the other side decorated with a constellation. The dragons' moustaches are in relief. The handle features the Nukui klan mon in a disc on a nanako background.Dimensions : 18.5 x 18 x 2.5 cm.Sold with its base.Dimensions with base: 45 x 18 x 8 cm.Notes : A gunbai is a rigid fan worn by Samurai commanders from the time of feudal Japan. It is a sign of rank and an instrument of signalling, as large troop movements and the improvement and variety of tactics then require commanders in the rear to be able to signal themselves to their troops in battle.In samurai, the

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sun and moon occupy a profound symbolic place, linked to the worldview and values of the bushido. The sun, often associated with Japan itself, represents strength, honor and clarity of action: it embodies the courage and righteousness of the warrior. The moon, more discreet and changeable, symbolizes reflection, introspection and self-control. Together, they reflect the balance sought by samurai between power and serenity, action and wisdom.