



Japanese Art Nouveau Tray Circa 1880



350 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Copper

Width : 42 cm

Height : 30 cm

Depth : 29cm

Description

Japanese-style serving tray, circa 1870-1890, in brass and copper, depicting a beetle and cherry branches on a relief background hammered with hundreds of tiny stars and wickerwork textures. The tray is a pure example of the Aestheticism style, which privileged aesthetics over function (unlike Art Deco). Aestheticism held that art should be produced to be beautiful, rather than to teach a lesson, create a parallel or accomplish some other didactic goal, a sentiment expressed in the slogan "art for art's sake". Aestheticism flourished in the 1870s and 1880s, gaining in importance and support from notable writers such as Walter Pater and Oscar Wilde.

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