



Zoomorphic Imari Porcelain In The Shape Of A Duck, Late 19th-early 20th Century



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Period : 20th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Porcelain

Length : 34

Width : 24

Height : 35

Description

Imari zoomorphic porcelain in the shape of a duck, late 19th-early 20th century. Dimensions: height 35 cm x 34 cm x 24 cm Materials: polychrome porcelain, glazes, gold This refined zoomorphic porcelain piece is an exceptional example of Oriental ceramic art, masterfully modeled in the shape of a duck or waterfowl. The piece is distinguished by a complex volumetric structure, where the naturalistic rendering of the plumage harmoniously interacts with a pictorial decoration of extraordinary visual density. The surface is entirely covered with a rich polychrome decoration that skillfully alternates geometric motifs with lobed medallions, within which peonies and chrysanthemums bloom--iconographic elements laden with symbolic meanings linked to nobility and

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longevity. The color palette adheres to the aesthetic canons of prestigious Imari ware, based on the tonal contrast between the cobalt blue underglaze, the vibrant iron red, and the abundant highlights in pure gold. The technical skill is evident in the precision of the lines defining the neck and wings, where the application of the glazes follows the animal's anatomical contours, lending a highly realistic plastic dynamism. This piece, designed for the export market, attests to the high level achieved by Japanese manufacturers between the end of the Meiji period and the beginning of the Taisho era. Stylistically, the object perfectly embodies the aesthetics of late 19th-century Japan, a period in which technical expertise was combined with formal experimentation aimed at satisfying the tastes of the most discerning Western collectors. The condition is excellent: the glaze retains its brilliance, preserving the vividness of the original enamels and the richness of the gilding, elements that confirm the integrity and historical-artistic value of this functional sculpture. Like all our other items, this work will be sold with a certificate of authenticity. We personally handle and arrange the packaging and shipping of our artworks, with insurance, worldwide