



Japanese Meiji Kutani Figure Of Jurojin, God Of Longevity, C. 1880-1910



550 EUR

Signature : Kutani

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Ceramic

Length : 16 cm

Width : 8 cm

Height : 21 cm

Description

A substantial Japanese Kutani porcelain figure of Jurojin, dating to the Meiji period, circa 1880-1910. This seated figure of the God of Longevity combines strong cabinet scale with the elaborate decorative language of late Kutani production.

Executed with dense overglaze enamels, extensive raised moriage enamel and generous hand-applied gilding, the figure's richly patterned robes in iron-red, cobalt blue, green and gilt reflect the brocade-inspired luxury associated with higher-quality Meiji decorative wares. The expressive aged face, white brows and flowing beard add strong personality.

Jurojin, one of the Seven Lucky Gods, symbolised wisdom, immortality and the pleasures of long life, making such figures

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especially attractive both symbolically and decoratively.

We especially draw attention to the extraordinary face of this figure. This is far more than a merely decorative object; the modeller seems to have infused it with real life, capturing not simply an abstract deity but the deeply human presence of a once-living man, rendered with remarkable individuality, wisdom and character, as if preserving the memory of an actual soul.

A substantial and highly decorative Meiji porcelain figure, notable for its scale, symbolism and strong visual presence.

Dimensions

Height: 21 cm

Width: 16 cm

Depth: 8 cm

Weight: 1126 g

Condition

Losses to gilding consistent with age, otherwise good antique condition.

Please study the accompanying photographs carefully, as they form an integral part of this description. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them. The item will be shipped with full tracking and insurance. Shipping costs include labour, packaging, and postage.