Japanese Arita Porcelain Figure Of Jigoku Dayu, C.1921



850 EUR

Signature : Arita
Period : 20th century
Condition : Parfait état
Material : Enamel
Length : 13 cm
Width : 16 cm
Height : 24 cm

Description

A striking Japanese porcelain figure of Jigoku Dayu, the legendary Hell Courtesan, produced in Arita around 1920. The subject is identified by the presence of a traditional kiseru tobacco pipe, an attribute closely associated with high-ranking courtesans in Japanese culture.
The figure reflects the famous legend of Jigoku Dayu and her spiritual transformation following her encounter with the Zen master Ikkyu Sojun. As a result, she became associated with Kannon and entered Japanese art as a symbol of enlightenment emerging from worldly experience.
Decorated in the classic Imari palette of cobalt blue, iron-red and gold, the figure combines fine modelling with richly detailed ornament. The reverse features karakusa scrolls, chrysanthemum

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blossoms and a geometric medallion arranged as a complete 360-degree composition. Collectors particularly value figures of Jigoku Dayu because they are encountered far less frequently than conventional representations of Kannon.
Dimensions:
Height 24 cm. Width 16 cm. Depth 13 cm.
Weight 1241 g.
Condition:
Excellent condition. Original enamels and gilding well preserved.
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.