



Ceremonial Kimono (uchikake) In Damask Silk - Japan, 20th Century



120 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Silk

Description

A formal Uchikake-style kimono (an outer robe traditionally worn without a sash), characterized by its exceptionally fine fabric and highly symbolic motifs. The piece is distinguished by a pale almond-green background, enlivened by a woven damask pattern (Rinzu) featuring herringbone and geometric motifs that subtly catch the light. **Iconographic Analysis** The design features a flock of cranes (Tsuru) rendered using mixed media; in Japanese culture, cranes symbolize immortality, marital fidelity, and longevity. **Decorative Techniques:** The birds are rendered using a combination of gradient dyeing (bokashi) and the application of metallic leaf and pigments. **Textile Details:** Certain areas of the cranes feature intricate traditional motifs applied in raised relief, notably the Asanoha (hemp leaf)

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pattern, traditionally associated with the healthy growth of children and protection. Color palette: The cranes display a spectrum ranging from coral orange to turquoise, creating a harmonious contrast with the almond green background. Technical Specifications Material: High-quality damask silk (Rinzu), offering a supple drape and a rich texture to the touch. Structure: Traditional cut with loose sleeves, designed for a flowing drape. Period: 20th century (Showa period). Condition The piece is in beautiful, well-worn condition, with the integrity of the patterns and metallic highlights preserved. (Note: As is typical for antique textiles of this nature, close inspection may reveal minor marks related to age or prolonged storage.)