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Japanese Kutani Porcelain Koro Incense Burner, Karashishi Finial, Meiji 1890



500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Porcelain

Length : 12,5 cm

Height : 16,8 cm

Description

A decorative antique Japanese Kutani porcelain incense burner (Koro) and cover, dating to the Meiji period, circa 1890. The unusual trapezoidal body is raised on four robust corner feet sculpted as finely detailed elephant heads with hand-painted eyes and curling trunks beneath a translucent blue glaze, an uncommon feature on Kutani Koro of this type. The vessel is flanked by two moulded scroll handles enriched with gilt highlights. The domed cover is pierced with reticulated apertures to release incense smoke and is surmounted by a sculptural Karashishi finial. The principal decoration comprises hand-painted overglaze enamel panels depicting the Japanese Gods of Longevity, Fukurokuju and Jurojin. Executed in high relief with raised Moriage enamels over a finely textured

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Same-hada (sharkskin) ground, the figures display expressive facial modelling and refined brushwork. The surrounding decoration combines traditional Kutani iron-red, green, aubergine, blue and gilt enamels in an elaborate scrolling ornamental design. The underside is smoothly glazed and remains unmarked, consistent with many export-quality Kutani wares of the period. Weight 367 g; height 16.8 cm; width 12.5 cm; depth 8.4 cm. Condition: both handles have been professionally restored; the cover has been professionally restored, and the Karashishi finial has a small loss to one ear; there is age-related wear to the gilt decoration. The hand-painted figural panels remain in complete original preservation. Otherwise in good antique condition. Please carefully regard all photos as they make an integral part of the listing, and reach out if there are any questions.