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Gunbai, A Samurai Command Fan - Edo Period (1603-1868).



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Lacquer

Width : 22,7 cm.

Height : 48,5 cm.

Depth : 1,4 cm.

Description

JAPAN - Edo Period (1603-1868). Samurai GUNBAI. A command fan made of red and gold lacquered wood, openwork and scalloped in shape; it is decorated with squares of mother-of-pearl forming a checkerboard pattern and slightly raised elements that appear to depict stylized paulownia leaves. Good overall condition, very slight wear. Dimensions: 48.5 x 22.7 x 1.4 cm. Sold with its stand. Dimensions with base: 48.9 x 22.7 x 9 cm. Notes: The gunbai (??) is a rigid fan traditionally used by Japanese military commanders to issue orders and direct the movements of troops on the battlefield. Unlike a folding fan, it takes the form of a wide paddle. It may be adorned with auspicious symbols, crests, or inscriptions. Having become an emblematic attribute of the samurai and military command,

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the gunbai is also associated with clan leaders
and, later, with sumo referees, who have
preserved a ceremonial form of it.