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Large Bronze Dragon-patterned Taotie Planter Pot, Nomura, Kyoto, Japan, Meiji Period, 19th Century



500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : côté pied 19 cm

Diameter : 30,7 cm / intérieur 28,5 cm

Height : 30,7 cm

Description

Large bronze planter decorated with a traditional oriental dragon: its open mouth and menacing eyes precede its body, which is covered with scales winding in relief across the object; above, a beautiful stylized floral frieze, a tripod base chiseled with the heads of mythical creatures (Taotie*), stamped with the Nomura workshop mark in Kyoto, from Japan, dating to the Meiji period (1868-1912), 19th century. This planter is in very good condition and of remarkable quality. The decoration is particularly interesting, as the dragon is a very important mythological creature in Japanese culture. This planter may very well have also served as an incense burner. Signature on the base: the outer ring reads "Dai Nippon Kyoto" = "Great Japan, Kyoto." This is the typical geographical designation affixed to bronze

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art pieces cast in Kyoto and intended for major exhibitions or international export. On the central medallion is the inscription "Nomura Zo," which translates to "Made by Nomura." The characters are rendered in a slightly cursive calligraphic style, typical of Meiji-era artistic metal casting. Please note: a few very minor chips, stains, and signs of age; see photos.* The taotie motif is a stylized and symmetrical representation of a mythical creature, borrowing some of its features from the dragon. Certain other aspects liken it to a tiger, or even an ox or a sheep. The animal is described as a ferocious creature with horns and bulging eyes beneath thick eyebrows, whose lower jaw is adorned with sharp fangs. The term "taotie" is sometimes translated as "glutton," a creature also known for its voracious appetite. Dimensions Diameter 30.7 cm / interior 28.5 cm Height 30.7 cm Width at base 19 cm G10 265 All photos are available at: www.antiques-delaval.com