



Ankle Bracelet With Three Butterflies, Gan, Gaoua Region, Burkina Faso, 19th Century



700 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bronze

Diameter : 9,5 cm

Height : 11,3 cm

Description

Important ankle bracelet with three butterflies
Culture: Gan, Gaoua region, Burkina Faso
Period: 19th century Material: Bronze with a brown patina, signs of wear and age, a few small traces of green oxidation. In good overall condition. Dimensions: H. 11.3 cm - Diam. 9.5 cm This significant ankle bracelet is adorned with three butterflies depicted in flight, their wings spread wide and crisscrossed with fine concentric lines. Their high-relief modeling powerfully animates the surface of the bronze. Friezes of concentric semicircles, wavy patterns, and braided cord motifs compose a richly rhythmic design. "Among the Gan, neighbors of the Lobi, metalwork is one of the most accomplished forms of artistic expression. Cast using the lost-wax technique by specialized

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blacksmiths, these ornaments could symbolize prestige, identity, and a protective dimension. Without attributing a overly specific ritual meaning to it, the butterfly may evoke transformation and renewal. Repeated three times, this motif gives the anklet a rare, almost ethereal sculptural presence, contrasting with the power of its form." * Sold with a certificate of authenticity and an invoice from Galerie Ocarina.* Shipping costs upon request