



Skull-shaped Tobacco Jar, Bone Snake, And Frog -- Japan, Meiji Period



1 200 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Solid wood

Height : 15 cm

Description

A unique Japanese carved wooden lidded jar depicting a human skull with a bone snake winding through it, topped by a frog that serves as the lid's handle. The skull features a warm patina with amber hues. The deeply hollowed-out eye sockets, nasal cavities, and depiction of the teeth give this sculpture a striking presence. The snake winds its way through the openings in the skull. Its body is finely engraved with a pattern of scales outlined in black, while its eyes, inlaid with red coral, add a particularly expressive touch of color. The skull cap lifts to reveal a black interior compartment. A small carved frog, depicted in a crouching position, crowns the top. The skull cap lifts to reveal a black interior compartment. A small carved frog, depicted in a crouching position, crowns the top. This evocative

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composition, linking the skull to the animal world, constitutes a particularly original vanitas and a beautiful object for a cabinet of curiosities. Japan, Meiji period (1868-1912). Dimensions: 15 cm. Condition: patina and signs of wear; visible cracks in the wood, particularly on the lid. See the detailed photographs. We deliver and ship worldwide. Please contact us for an accurate shipping quote.