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GENRYUSAI SEIYA

A Large Japanese Bronze Group of an Elephant And Tigers

Circa: Circa 1890

74 x 0 cm (29 1/4 x 0 inches)

Patinated bronze

Japan

1890

Signed in hiragana script 'Seiya Zo'.

A Large Japanese Bronze Group of an Elephant And Tigers, By Genryusai Seiya.

A large Japanese bronze Elephant and Tiger Group, Meiji Period,

This large figural group is naturalistically cast with a finely chased bull elephant fighting off two fierce tigers.

Artist description:

Genryusai Seiya was one of the most prominent Japanese bronze artists of the Meiji period. His workshop specialised in export wares of the highest quality, including human genre figures, vases and exotic bronze models of animals.

It was for the naturalistic depiction of exotic animals that he is most celebrated, probably influenced by the opening of the Tokyo Zoological Gardens in 1882. His figures realistically cast and filled with dynamic potential.