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A bronze suiban (shallow flower vessel) of oval form decorated with a geometric pattern

Japan 19th century Meiji period

Dimensions: H. 3.5cm x W. 69.5cm x D. 40.5cm (1½" x 27½" x 16")

Suiban are trays used for bonseki, the practice of creating miniature landscapes from sand and rocks.

These scholarly creations are usually displayed in the tokonoma, the formal display area within a traditional Japanese house.