



MID-CENTURY ASIAN HAND-CARVED WALNUT BEAR SCULPTURE SIGNED

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This expressive hand-carved walnut bear sculpture was crafted in Japan circa 1970. Sculpted from solid walnut, the figure depicts a powerful bear mid-stride with one paw extended forward and its head turned slightly, mouth open in a dramatic snarl. The dynamic stance gives the piece strong movement and presence, making it equally compelling from multiple angles.

The carving is bold and highly textural, with rhythmic, faceted chisel work creating the illusion of thick fur across the muscular body. The muzzle is deeply carved, revealing lighter-toned teeth that contrast against the darker stained walnut surface. Subtle shaping around the eyes and jawline adds intensity and character, while the natural grain of the wood enhances the organic quality of the sculpture.

The underside retains carved paw pads and an incised signature in Japanese characters, reinforcing its origin and authenticity. The surface displays a rich, dark patina with minor wear consistent with age and handling, adding warmth and depth without detracting from the integrity of the carving.

This mid-century walnut sculpture works beautifully as a decorative accent in a study, library, mountain retreat, or curated collection of animal carvings. The piece is in excellent vintage condition commensurate with age and use.

Dimensions: 11.5"W x 5.25"D x 7"H