



Fine Japanese Art (JAP0621)

Fri, 4th Jun 2021

Viewing:

You may view objects in this auction in our gallery from 25 May to 4 June, 2021. We are open Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM CET, as well as by appointment. On the day of the sale, the preview will be open from 10 AM to 1 PM. FFP2 masks are required.

Lot 13

Starting price: €2500

Estimate: €5000

MASAMITSU: AN IMPRESSIVE SILVERED BRONZE OKIMONO OF AN EAGLE

By Masamitsu (Shoko), signed Masamitsu
Japan, Meiji period (1868-1912)

The majestic eagle with separately cast wings and feet, standing on a wood tree trunk, the wings almost fully extended, and one foot raised dynamically, as the eagle is about to take off. The plumage is naturalistically crafted with fine incision work. Signed underneath on the belly inside an oval reserve MASAMITSU (Shoko/Seiko).

HEIGHT total 36.5 cm, HEIGHT eagle only 25 cm,
WINGSPAN 45 cm
WEIGHT 3,472 g

Condition: The soldering of the two separately cast wings is somewhat unclean and one wing has become loose as a result and has been restored. The tip of one feather and the beak with old repairs. The wood base with some surface scratches. Some small dents and surface wear throughout.
Provenance: German private collection.

Auction comparison:

A similar silvered bronze okimono of an eagle by Masatsune was sold by Bonhams, Fine Japanese Art, 5 November 2020, London, lot 288 (**sold for 11,312 GBP**).