



Asian Art Discoveries - Japanese & Korean Art (AK0921)

Fri, 10th Sep 2021

Viewing:

You may view objects in this auction in our gallery from September 3 to September 10, 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 until 11 AM.

Lot 57

Starting price: €100

Estimate: €200

A WOOD BOX AND COVER AND A SIGNED LETTER OPENER

Japan, 19th century, Meiji period (1868-1912)

Bamboo and other wood; bronze, copper, silver, gilding. The box features a cover extending to the foot ring. The cover shows temple grounds carved in relief with a torii in the foreground and a pagoda on a hill in the background. The handle of the letter opener is densely decorated with a wave pattern as well as several birds in copper and silver and the full moon surrounded by clouds. The blade is gilded throughout and shows an engraved depiction of grasses, rocks and flowers. One end of the handle shows the signature SHOMIN 正 民 造 (the name could also be read as Seimin).

HEIGHT box 5.3 cm, DIAMETER box 7.7 cm, LENGTH letter opener 29 cm

Condition: The box and cover are in very good condition. The letter opener is in good condition.

Provenance: Austrian private collection.