



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE1021)

Fri, 29th Oct 2021

Lot 243

Starting price: €3000

Estimate: €6000

A SUPERB KISERUZUTSU WITH LONG-ARMED MONKEY AND TEMPLE BELL, ATTRIBUTED TO OZAKI KOKUSAI

Attributed to Ozaki Kokusai (1835-1892), unsigned
Japan, Asakusa, Tokyo, second half of 19th century

Of senryu-zutsu type, depicting a long-armed Tenaga monkey extending arms and grasping a temple bell incised with archaic key-fret bands, one hand grasping the mount and the other ingeniously forming the cord attachment. The pale stag antler of a very appealing color. The utilization of the material is astoundingly innovative and sensitive.

Attributed to Ozaki Kokusai, another possible candidate for this superb carving is his pupil Hoshunsai Masayuki.

LENGTH 18 cm

Condition: Excellent condition.

Provenance: French private collection.

Literature comparisons:

For a related pipe case depicting a long-armed monkey by Ozaki Kokusai see Sydney Moss Ltd. (2016) Kokusai The Genius: and Stag-antler Carving in Japan, Part 2, pp. 344-345, no. 265.