



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE1021)

Fri, 29th Oct 2021

Lot 35

Starting price: €1250

Estimate: €2500

¥ AN IVORY NETSUKE OF A SINIU AND MONKEY

Unsigned

Japan, early 18th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Boldly carved as a recumbent siniu with the legs drawn in and long neck raised high, a small monkey seated on its back and playing with its beard, their features exquisitely detailed. Himotoshi to the body on one side and the underside.

HEIGHT 6.9 cm

Condition: Good condition with old wear and minor natural age cracks. Fine, honey-gold patina.

Provenance: The Gabor Wilhelm Collection, Paris.

Literature comparison:

Compare a closely related ivory netsuke of a siniu with a monkey, dated late 18th century, illustrated in Davey, Neil K. (1974) *Netsuke: A comprehensive study based on the M.T. Hindson Collection*, p. 327, no. 1000.

Auction comparison:

Compare a related ivory seal netsuke, carved with a siniu in a similar posture, dated late 18th century, at Christie's London in *Japanese Ceramics & Works of Art* on 8 November 2007, lot 7, (**sold for GBP 6,875**).