



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE1021)

Fri, 29th Oct 2021

Lot 61

Starting price: €5000

Estimate: €10000

‡ A SUPERB OSAKA SCHOOL IVORY NETSUKE OF SHORIKEN AND TIGER

Unsigned

Japan, Osaka, c. 1820, Edo period (1615-1868)

Published:

Joly, Henri L. (1912) *The W. L. Behrens Collection, Part 1, Netsuke*, no. 767 and illustrated on pl. XV.

Weber, V. -F. (1965), *Koji Hoten*, pl. LVI, no. 3.

Hurtig, Bernard (1973) *Masterpieces of Netsuke Art: One Thousand Favorites of Leading Collectors*, p. 52, no. 138.

Davey, Neil K. (1974) *Netsuke: A comprehensive study based on the M.T. Hindson Collection*, no. 878.

Finely carved and beautifully stained, depicting the Taoist immortal Shoriken (Zhongli Quan), his Chinese robe finely engraved with scrolling karakusa designs, his tiger companion at his feet with its long tail snaking up the immortal's back. Note the finely incised and inked fur of the tiger with polished stripes. The glaring eyes of the tiger are double inlays of pale and dark horn. Natural himotoshi through the tiger's tail.

HEIGHT 6.1 cm

Condition: Superb condition with hardly any wear.

Provenance: Ex-collection W. L. Behrens (1861-1913) and Mark. T. Hindson. Then collection Carré, acquired from Eskenazi Ltd., London.