



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE1021)

Fri, 29th Oct 2021

Lot 47

Starting price: €1250

Estimate: €2500

¥ A FINE IVORY NETSUKE OF A MONKEY PICKING FLEAS, ATTRIBUTED TO MITSUhide

Unsigned

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

Superbly carved as a monkey picking fleas, its body contorted in a somewhat awkward position, one hand drawn to the mouth and the other grabbing a leg. The hairwork is finely incised, pleasingly worn, the ivory bearing a fine yellowish patina. The eyes are inlaid. Natural himotoshi. Unsigned, however attributed to the workshop of Mitsuhide, most likely one of his earlier works.

HEIGHT 3.2 cm

Condition: Very good condition, pleasingly worn.

Provenance: German private collection.

Auction comparison:

A related ivory netsuke by Mitsuhide was sold at Bonhams, Fine Japanese and Korean Art, 12 September 2012, New York, lot 3126 (**sold for 5,250 USD**).