



## Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE1021)

Fri, 29th Oct 2021

### Lot 44

**Starting price:** €1250

**Estimate:** €2500

#### Y MASAMORI: A GOOD IVORY NETSUKE OF GAMA SENNIN

By Masamori, signed Masamori 正守

Japan, Kyoto, late 18<sup>th</sup> to early 19<sup>th</sup> century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Gama Sennin is shown in a dancing posture with one foot raised above the other, holding a fruiting peach branch, and with a three-legged toad, with large black horn inlaid eyes, on his back. His cloak is finely engraved with cloud patterns. Two asymmetrical Himotoshi to the back, the larger one of oval shape characteristic of the Yoshinaga school, signed MASAMORI within a rectangular reserve next to it.

HEIGHT 6.5 cm

Condition: The frog's head with a restoration, otherwise good condition.

**Provenance:** Ex-collection June H. Schuerch (1930-2009). Then with Sydney L. Moss, London. Private collection, acquired from the above.

This type is always of distinct triangular shape. The present model has a particularly nice chunky curvature to the back.

#### **Literature comparison:**

Compare to a similar netsuke by the same artist in Meinertzhagen, Frederick / Lazarnick, George (1986) MCI, Part A, p. 436.