



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0422)

Fri, 22nd Apr 2022

Viewing:

You may view objects in this auction in our gallery from 19 April to 22 April 2022. We are open Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM CET, as well as by appointment. On the day of the sale, the viewing will be open until 1 PM CET.

Lot 59

Starting price: €3000

Estimate: €6000

MITSUHARU: A SUPERB WOOD NETSUKE OF SHOKI AND ONI

By Mitsuharu, unsigned

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

Dynamically and expressively carved in the typical manner of Mitsuharu, the demon queller dressed in a voluminous robe incised with cloud designs and with long draping sleeves, his downward-pointing sword at the ready, and holding on to the brim of his hat on which a boldly carved oni hides. Shoki's expression is typically carved - his mouth is open, his beard is flowing in the wind, the ringed eyes with horn-inlaid pupils. The back with large himotoshi between the sword's scabbard.

HEIGHT 8.2 cm

Condition: The feet are probably restored. Some general wear, minuscule nicks. Otherwise fine condition, beautiful patina.

Provenance: French private collection.

Literature comparison:

For a discussion of the carver see INSJ, vol. 39, no. 1, pp. 11-23, A similar example in ivory (also unsigned) is illustrated in fig. 29 (and illustrated on the cover of the journal). For a related example in wood see Meinertzhagen, Frederick / Lazarnick, George (1986) MCI, Part A, p. 532.