



## 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 173

**Starting price:** €1000

**Estimate:** €2000

### ¥ A LARGE WALRUS TUSK NETSUKE OF TWENTY FROGS ON LOTUS LEAF, ATTRIBUTED TO SEIMIN

Attributed to Seimin, unsigned

Japan, Iwashiro, mid-19th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Carved as a family of twenty (!) smooth frogs (kaeru) clambering on top of one another, the entire composition set on a large furled lotus leaf. The material is finely stained and polished to form a sumptuous colour, enhancing the natural depth of the material. Natural himotoshi through the stem of the lotus leaf.

LENGTH 5 cm

Condition: Very good condition, typical wear, few age cracks.

Provenance: Austrian private collection.

### Literature comparison:

A similar netsuke by Seimin of frogs on a lotus leaf is in the Raymond and Frances Bushell Collection, see LACMA, accession no. M.91.250.125.