



## 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 219

**Starting price:** €1000

**Estimate:** €2000

### 𠄎 TOMOCHIKA: AN IVORY NETSUKE OF BENTEN WITH DRAGON

By Tomochika, signed Tomochika 𠄎𠄎

Japan, Edo (Tokyo), c. 1830, Edo period (1615-1868)

The goddess of music standing on top of a dragon, engulfed by billowing clouds, and playing the koto. The eyes of the dragon are inlaid in dark horn. Natural himotoshi through the swirling clouds in the back and signed within a rectangular reserve TOMOCHIKA. Beautiful, deep patina.

HEIGHT 4.8 cm

Condition: Good condition, some minor wear, tiny nicks to edges.

**Provenance:** The Gabor Wilhelm Collection, Paris.

The kanji Chika 𠄎 used here is usually associated with Gyokusen Tomochika, as Chikuyosai Tomochika used Chika 𠄎. The style is undoubtedly that of Chikuyosai Tomochika of Edo.

### Auction comparison:

A similar ivory netsuke of Benten by Tomochika, formerly in the M. T. Hindson collection, was sold at Quinn's Auction Galleries, The Helen and Jack Mang Collection of Netsuke, 7 December 2012, Falls Church, lot 133 (**hammer price 3,000 USD**).

**Trade Certificate:** The trade certificate for the sale of this lot within the EU has been granted (permit number AT 22-B-0142).