



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 177

Starting price: €1500

Estimate: €3000

SHOKO SUGANOYA: A WOOD NETSUKE OF HOTEI DRINKING SAKE

By Shoko Suganoya, signed Shoko □□

Japan, Takayama, Hida province, second half of 19th century

Finely carved in the typical manner of the artist and depicting the lucky god Hotei resting on top of his treasure bag (takarabukuro), laughing, and balancing a sake cup on his bloated belly, a sake bottle in his left hand. Hotei's eyes are minutely inlaid in dark horn. The well-toned wood attractively stained. Himotoshi underneath and signed in sosho (cursive script) SHOKO.

HEIGHT 4.8 cm

Condition: Very good condition, minor surface wear.

Provenance: French private collection, purchased at Piasa Auction, 31st May 2002, Paris.

Literature comparison:

A similar wood netsuke depicting Hotei holding a fan and seated on his treasure bag is illustrated in Meinertzhagen / Lazarnick (1986) MCI, Part B, p. 747.