



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 39

Starting price: €2400

Estimate: €5000

𐄂 NAGATOMO: A LARGE IVORY NETSUKE OF GAMA SENNIN AND HIS TOAD

By Nagatomo, signed Nagatomo □□

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

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Expressively carved standing with his toad clambering on his shoulder and head, wearing a loose-fitting robe tied at the waist and opening at the chest, revealing the emaciated rib cage, as well as an apron and skirt of artemisia leaves. His grinning face with a particularly grotesque expression marked by an apelike mouth, his and the toad's eyes inlaid with dark horn. The toad's skin is finely stippled while the sennin's muscles and pronounced veins are well rendered, his body hair and robe designs neatly incised, all heightened with sumi. Natural himotoshi between the sennin's robes and limbs.

HEIGHT 8 cm

Condition: One foot is restored. Otherwise good condition with some wear, expected minor age cracks, plugged nerve channels.

Provenance: Galerie Yamato, Paris, 2005. French private collection, acquired from the above.

Trade Certificate: The trade certificate for the sale of this lot within the EU has been granted (permit number AT 22-B-0280).